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MINUTES OF THE

RADICUE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With The

Art Willow Church, Pitt County, Begining

October 1st. 1920

Elder H. M. Smith, Moderator

H. C. Jones, Clerk

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PROCEEDINGS

The Radicue Primitive Baptist Association met in session with the Art Willow Church, Pitt County, commencing on the 1st day of Oct. 1920.

Elder H. Black, introduced the services by singing hymn on page 490, Elder P. S. Killens invoked the blessing of Almighty God upon the Association. Elder H. Black preached the introductory sermon from Isaiah the 53rd chapter beginning at the 1st verse.

The moderator in the absence of Elder John Barnes, appointed Elder P. S. Killens alternate who preached from the same subject. Viz: "Who hast believed our report?" The moderator then dismissed the Association for a short recess. After a recess of one hour, the Association reassembled with Elder H, M. Smith, moderator, who opened services by singing hymn, page 513 and prayer by Elder John Barnes.

The moderator read the 5th chapter of 1st Corinthian and announced the Association in order for business. Agreed on motion that Elder H. M. Smith be chosen moderator of the Association. Agreed on motion that Brother H. C. Jones be chosen association clerk with Bro. Willie Powell assistent clerk.

Agreed on motion, Delegates from sister associations be invited to seats with us and feel themselves at home.

Agreed on motion, that Bros. T. DuPree, S. B, Howard and Charlie Cooper be appointed committees on Finance. Agreed that on motion Elder H. M. Smith. S. B. Howard, and Hosea Dickens be appointed a committee on arrangements of preaching. The committee proceeded to appoint Elder Archer Oulerbridge and Elder J. B. Hyman to preach for the people. Agreed on motion that we send Bro. Joe Battle to the stand to record the text of the ministers. Agreed on motion that corresponding messengers from sister Associations make their report. Elder P. S. Killens with a file of minutes represented the Antioch Association of Georgia and were received on motion by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messenger. Elder J. H. Jones with a file of minutes represented the Mt. Ramah Association of Georgia and were received on motion by the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messenger.

Elder J. R. Edwards with a file of minutes represented

the Mt. Ramah Association of Georgia and were received on motion by the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messenger.

Elder E. G. Garber with a file of minutes represented the Union Association of Georgia and were received on motion by the Moderator extending the right hand of fe'lowship to the messenger. Brother Calvin Bynum with file of minutes represented the Contentnea Association of North Carolina and was received by the moderator extending the right hand of Fellowship to the messenger.

Elder J. R. Nailor with a file of minutes represented the Cub Run Association of Virginia, agreed on motion that the report of the messenger and the minutes be received by the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messenger.

Elder C. Lilly with a file of minutes represented the Corresponding Association of N. C. and were received by the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messenger. It was agreed on motion that corresponding letters be called for. The clerk read the letter from the Missippi River Association of Ark. It was agreed on motion that the letter and minutes of the Mississippi River Association be received.

It was agreed on motion that petitionary letters be called for. Agreed on motion that the Hopeville Church be reunited to the Radicue Primitive Baptist Association.

It was agreed on motion that the next session of the Association convene with the Cabin Level Church in Wilson County, Lucama, N.C. It was agreed on motion that Elder H. Black, preach the introductory sermon. Elder Horace Smith alternate. Agreed on motion that moderator and clerk prepare the circular letter. Agreed on motion that the Association adjourn until 9 o'clock, Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Association reassembled pursuant to adjournment. The moderator introduced the services by singing hymn 534. Prayer by Elder J. H. Jones. The moderator then announced the Association in order for business. It was then agreed on motion that yesterday's proceedings be received and adopted. Agreed on motion that the circular letter be read. Agreed on motion the roll of churches be called. All present agreed on motion that Correspond-

ing Association be called. The Association answered by their representative. Agreed on motion the Association take up unfinished business. Elder Kimbal with file of minutes represented the Mt. Calvary Association of Ga., and was received on motion, by the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messenger.

Elder Samuel Harris with file of minutes represented the Little River Association. It was agreed that report of the messenger and minutes be received by the moderaerator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messenger. The Committee on arrangement of preaching appointed Elder J. R. Barnes, and Elder Henry Peele to the stand to preach for the people.

Agreed on motion that we appoint delegates to visit sister Associations with whom we correspond. Agreed on motion we send Elder H. M. Smith to the Antioch, to Union, Mt. Ramah, and the Mt. Calvary Associations of Georgia. Agreed on motion that we send Elder J. B. Hyman, to the Little River Association of N. C. Agreed on motion that we send Elder H. Black to the Contentnea Assosociation of North Carolina. Agreed on motion we send Elder Archer Outerbridge to the Piedmont and the Chestnut Knob Association of Virginia, A. D. 1921.

Agreed on motion that we corresspond with the Mississippi River Association of Miss., the Good Hope Association of Texas, and the Mt. Willow Association of Ark., by letter and minutes. Agreed on motion that the moderator and clerk prepare the corressponding letters for the above named Association.

Agreed on motion we hear the report of the Association's Treasurer. Agreed on motion that the roport of Treasurer be received. Agreed on motion that the finance committee be received. Agreed on motion that the Association have 800 minutes printed under the supervision of the moderator and clerk.

Agreed on motion the abstract of principles and rules of decorum of church government be printed in the minutes. The moderator tendered the thanks of the Association to the community for kind attention during their assemblage at this place.

Elder H, Smith, Moderator.
Bro. H. C. Jones, Association Clerk.
Willie Powell, Ass't, Clerk.

MINISTERS TEXT.

Friday Morning services: Elder H. *B*lack preached from Isaiah 53:1. Elder P. S. Killens from Isaiah 53:1.

Friday evening Elder J. B. Hyman sang hymn 62 and preached from St. John 1:1. Elder Archer Outerbridge sang hymn No. 66. Subject St. John 20:5.

Friday night session: Elder H. M. Smith sang hymn No. 409. Prayer by Flder Smith. Elder J.A. Jones sang hymn 149 and preached from the subject: "How can this be seeing I have not known a man," Elder P.S. Killens preached from the same ubject. *E*lder H. M. Smith sang hymn 502. Benediction by Elder J. H. Jones.

Saturday evening service: Elder H.M. Smith sang hymn 3 8. Elder J. R. Nailor's text St. John 9-38:39. Elder E. Y. Yarber sang hymn No. 334 and his text was St. John 9-38:39. Elder J. R. Edwards hymn 411, his text St. John 15:1. Elder H. M. Smith sang hymn 515 and dismissed the people.

Sunday service; Elder H. M. Smith sang hymn 268. Prayer by Elder H. M. Smith. Elder Kimble sang hymn 490 and preached from Ephesians 2:8. Elder Samuel Harris sang hymn 483 and preached from the same subject. Elder J. H. Jones sang hymn No. 393 and preached from 1st Cor. 14th verse.

Elder P. S. Killens sang hymn 180 and preached from 1st Cor. 14th verse. Elder H. M. Smith sang hymn 615. Benediction by Elder P. S. Killens.

This is the fortieth annual session of the Radicue Primitive Baptist Association held with the Art Willow Church, Pitt County, N. C., commencing Friday before the 1st Sunday in Oct. 1920.

Dear brethren we have met your ministers and messengers and they have brought us glad tidings of great joy. Brethren our afflictions have been many, but God has been our great deliverer. Dear brethren, your corresspondence has been great strength and consolation to us and we desire your continued corresspondence. Now let us stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free.

This done by order of Conference,

ABSTRACTS OF PRINCIPLES.

We believe in one true and living God the Father, and the Holy Ghost.

We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

We believe in one Superior Eternal God the creator and upholder of all being and the disposer of all events for there are three that bear record in heaven; the Father, the Word; and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one. 1 John 1; 5 verse.

We believe in the total depravity and just condemnation of all the fallen race of Adam.

We believe in original sin and that the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted, regenerated, sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

We believe that the saints shall always preserve in grace and never finally fall away.

We believe that baptism, the Lord's supper, and the washing of the saint's feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that the true believers in Jesus Christ are the only subjects entitled to these privileges.

We believe the mode of baptism is by immersing in water.

We believe that God chose his in Christ Jesus before the world began

We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of ordinances only such as are regularly baptized, called and come under the imposition of the hands presbyter,

We believe that none but regularly baptized members have the right to commune at the Lord's table.

RULES OF DECORUM OF CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

AGREED TO AND ADOPTED BY THE CHURCH OF GOD AT RADICUE MEETING HOUSE, FRIDAY BEFORE THE FIRST SUNDAY IN AUG. 1876.

Being dismissed by letters from Otter's Creek, Sparta, Tyson's meeting House; having spent the day in fasting and prayer, give ourselves to Christ and to one

another.

Article 1. That members comprising the church shall assemble themselves to gether at Radicue meeting House the First Sunday in every month and the Saturday before unless prevented by unavoidable necessity. Heb. 10:10. "And not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is."

2. The members of the church shall meet in conference on every Saturday before the First Sunday in each month. Acts 15:6, "And the Apostles and Elders come to gether to consider of this matter."

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5. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preserve order and harmony in the conference according to these rules or others which may be subsequently adopted. He shall fairly state every question, ascertain the majority and report accordingly. 1 Cor. 14:40. "Let everything be done decently and in order."

6 The conference shall appoint a clerk whose duty it shall be to record faithfully in a well bound book (purchased by the conference) all of their proceedings and to do and to perform all such other things as usually devolves upon such officers.

7. The members' names shall be enrolled distinctly, called over and a significant mark attached to their names which may be absent. Acts 1:15. "The number of their names together were about 120." When any member shall be absent three conferences, it shall be the duty of the clerk to give notice thereof to the church who thereupon, shall order notice to be issued to the delinquent, to be served by one of the deacons, and upon which the conference may take such measures as to them may appear consanant with brotherly love and Gospel order. Heb. 10:25. "Not forsake the assembling together,"

8. A door shall be opened for the admission of new members who before admission, shall verbally relate thier experience, and when unamious satisfaction is offered the church in conference that God has wrought a work of grace in thier in souls, it shall be the duty of the moderator to give them the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the church, and said candidate, shall after being baptized by immersion become a member of the church and not before. Peter 3:15, "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that ask you the reason of hope that is in you, with meekness and fear." Mat, 28: 19, "Baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost."

9. If any member of this church shall bring a complaint of a private trespass having been committed upon him by one of his brethren, before he shall have complied with requisition of the great head of the church, prescribed in the 8th chapter of Matthew, the church shall disregard it and shall be deemed disorder. "Whereof if thy brother trespass against thee," etc.

10. It shall be deemed disorder if any member of the church who shall speak illiberally of one of his brethren or otherwise than is laid down in the word before the recited chapter(18th of Matthew) and who may join the world calumniating or traducing their character. Rom. 1:39, "Let love be without dissimulation." Gal. 6:12, "Brethren if a man be overtaken in fault, ye which are spirtual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

11. All public offenses against morality shall be noted by the church publicity and the offenders dealt with according to Gospel order. Matt. 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good work and glorify your father which is in heaven."

12. Every motion made and seconded, shall be taken under consideration of the conference, unless withdrawn by the mover and making it open for discussion or debate, but one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator by the appellation of bro-

ther moderator, and when two or more shall arise at the same time he shall decide without argument between them 1 Cor. 14:40. Let everything be done decently and in order."

13. Every query presented shall be thrice read before it is open for debate, and it shall not be received unless majority shall govern.

14. In all cases, except in the admission of members into the church, a majority of those present shall govern whose decision shall be final; except two-thirds of the members at the next conference agree to consider the matter and two-thirds shall so agree, the subject matter shall again come before the Conference and this decision shall be final.

15. Implicit obedience shall be yielded to the decision of the conference shall express themselves before adjourning of the conference and not thereafter. Rom. 13:1, "Let every soul be subject to the higher power."

16. The minutes shall be read before it adjourns, and all errors corrected.

17. The following are prohibited: whispering or laughing during time of public speaking, with the appearance of wrath, or in a degrading manner, speaking more than three times without leave.

18. It shall be deemed disorderly in any member who openly and avowedly denies the fundamental doctrine contained in the church covenant and they shall be dealt with accordingly. Jude 1:3, "Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

Be of one mind. How can two talk together except they be agreed?

19. As intemperane is one of the worst evils which can effect the members of any society, either civil or religious and more especially the latter, it being in direct violation of the word of God, wounding the cause of Christ, hurting the feelings of the sober brethren and exposing the individual to commission of sin of the most abominable cast of character, we do declare and agree that when any member of this church shall so far forget what he owes to the great head of this church, to himself, the feelings of his brethren and to mortals, and to the well being of society generally, as to get drunk and become known to the church, he shall be notified to attend our church conference, and on failing to render entire satisfaction, to be considered as an excommunicant and not entitled to any

privilege thereafter until such offender shall bring forth fruits meet for repentance. Matt. 5: 16, "Let your light so shine before men" etc. The following amendment or: the above article was adopted in conference and read thus, And we further agree and declare to be the duty of every, member of this church, that when he knows of a member of this church getting drunk as above stated in this article, to make it known to the church."

20. If upon issuing a notice to any delinquent member as is required by the 7th article of this Decorum, the Deacon returns, "not to be found within the limits of the church," that the conference shall then proceed as if the notice had been served.

21. A majority of the members of this church in conference shall have power to alter or amend any of the rules of this Decorum, which they have adopted for their government or to add any new rules which said majority may deem necessary.

Motion made, seconded and agreed that no church shall hold any member who will not pay an honest debt.

Motion made and seconded that we will not have nor hold members with us belonging to secret societies, Odd Fellows, Masons or Sunday School.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches	County	Pastors	Post office	Delegates	Rec'd on pro. of faith	Rec'd by letter	Dismissed by letter	Excommunicated	Restord	Deceased	Memb'ship
Radicue	Pitt	Rev. J. R. Barnes	Wilson, N. C.	Warren Coburn, G. Speir	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17
Harpers	Edgecombe	" H. Black	Conetoe, N.C.	H, C. Jones, S. B. Howard	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	91
Savannah	"	" H. Black	Conetoe, N.C.	Henry Staton, H. Dickens	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48
Spring Green	Nash	" J. B. Hyman	Hobgood, N.C	Henderson Joyner	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	6
Cabin Level	Wilson	" H. Black	Conetoe, N. C.	Hines *B*aker, H. Black	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
Pilgrim Rest	Wilson	" J. R. *B*arnes	Wilson, N. C.	Wright Barnes, Chas. Davis	....	....	....	1	1	.....	13
Mt, Zion	Edgecombe	" H. Smith	Falkland, N.C	N. Spivey,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	25
Plymouth	washington	" H. Black	Conetoe, N.C.	J. Coney, Warren Coburn	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13
Art Willow	Pitt	" H. Smith	Falkland, N.C	Charlie Cooper, S. Newton	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	13
Mt. Galilee	Edgecombe	" H. Smith	"	Eld. H. M. Smith, G. Garrett	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
Mt. Ebal	Martin	" J. B. Hyman	Hobgood, N.C	Eld. J. B. Hyman, G. Bulluck	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	4
Rehovah	Pitt	" H. Black	Conetoe, N.C.	Aron Wooten, S. B. Howard	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9
Seven Spring	Edgecombe	" J. R. Barnes	Wilson, N. C.	T. DuPree, W. Powell	.....	.....	....	2	.....	.....	12
Hopewill				Arche Artes *B*ridges	2	.....	.....	1	...	1	3

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Proceedings

The Radicue Primitive Baptist Association met in session with the Spring Green Church, Nash County, N. C commencing on Friday before the First Sunday in October, 1922,

Elder H. Black opened the services by singing hymn on page 185 Elder J. H. Jones led in prayer. Elder H. Black preached the introductory sermon, subject "The Spirit of the Lord God is in me because He has anointed me to preach Good Tidings unto the Meek" Elder J. B. Hyman alternates by singing hymn 400, and preached from I Timothy 1:?. Elder H Black sang hymn 626 and dismissed the Association for a short recess.

Afternoon Session

After a short intermission the Association re-assembled with Elder H. Black presiding Moderator, who opened the services by singing hymn 530. Elder J. R. Barnes prayed for the Peace of Zion. The Moderator read the 122 Psalm and announced the Association in order for business. Agreed on motion Elder H. Black be chosen Moderator of the Association. Agreed on motion Bro. H. C. Jones be Association Clerk, with Bro. N. C. Atkinson Asst. Clerk Agreed on motion that delegates and visiting brethren be invited to seats with us and feel themselves at home Agreed on motion that Elders H. M. Smith, H. Dickens and S. B. Howard be appointed a committee on arrangement of preaching. Agreed on motion Bros. Charley Cooper, Henry Staton and Willie Jones be appointed a committee on Finance. Agreed on motion we send Bro. James Carney to the stand to record the texts of the ministers. The committee on arrangement of preaching proceeded to appoint Bros. Willie Powell and Robert Taylor to the stand to preach for the people. Agreed on motion that messengers from Sister Associations now make their report. Elder J. H. Jones with a file of minutes represented the Mt. Ramah Association of Ga. Elder J. H. Jones with file of Minutes also represented the Antioch Association of Ga and were received on motion by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers. Elder Cain Duncan with file of Minutes represented the Cub Run Association of Va. Elder E. K. Turner with file of Minutes represented the Chestnut Knob Association of Va. Elder George Best with file of minutes represented the Corresponding Association of Martin County, N. C. Bro. J. E. Everette represented the Little River Association of Johnson County, N. C. Agreed on motion that the report of the Corresponding Messengers be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers. Agreed on motion corresponding letters be called for.

Agreed on motion that Petitionary letters be called for. Agreed on motion that Church letters be called for. 14 letters were handed in and read by the Clerk. Agreed on motion we see where the next session of the Radicue Association shall sit. The Savannah Church, Rehovah and Mt. Galilee Churches ask for the next sitting of the Association, but it seems to please the minds of the brethren to grant the next session of the Association to Savan-

nah Church. Agreed on motion the next session of the Radicue Primitive Baptist Association sit with the Little Savannah Church, 3½ miles from Conetoe, commencing on Friday before 1st Sunday in October 1923. Agreed on motion the Moderator and Clerk prepare the Circular Letter Agreed on motion the Association adjourn until Saturday morning, 9 o'clock.

ELDER H. BLACK, Moderator.

H. C. JONES, Clerk.

N. C. ATKINSON, Asst. Clerk.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Radicue Primitive Baptist Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Elder H Black introduced the services by singing hymn 345 Elder H. M. Smith led in prayer Agreed on motion the roll of churches be called. All present Agreed on motion corresponding Association be called. The Association answered by their representative. Agreed on motion yesterday's proceedings be read. Agreed on motion yesterday's proceedings be received and adopted in the minutes. Agreed on motion the Circular Letter be read. The Circular Letter was read by the Clerk. Agreed on motion the Circular Letter be received. Agreed on motion the Association take up unfinished business.

Agreed on motion the Association appoint delegates to visit her Sister Associations with whom she corresponds. Agreed on motion we send Elder H. Black to the Antioch, Mt Ramah and Mt. Calvary Associations of Ga. Agreed on motion the Moderator have power to pay off the indebtedness of the Association. The committee on arrangement of preaching appointed Elders J B. Hyman and E. K. Turner to the stand to preach for the people. The Piedmont Association of Va. represented by letter and minutes. The Mt Willow Association represented by letter and minutes Agreed on motion the letters and minutes of the above Associations be received. Agreed on motion we send Elder A. Outerbridge to the Corresponding Association of Martin County. Agreed on motion we send Elder H. M. Smith and Bro. H. C. Jones to the Little River Association of Johnson County, N. C. Agreed on motion we send Elder H. M. Smiih and Bro. Charlie Cooper to the Contentnia Association of N. C.

Agreed on motion we send Bro Robert Taylor to the Union Association of N. C., A. D. 1923.

Agreed on motion we send Elder J. B. Hyman to the Cub Run Association of Va., A. D. 1923.

Agreed on motion we send Elder J. R. Barnes to Chestnut Knobb Association of Va., A. D. 1923.

Agreed on motion we send Elder H. M. Smith to the Piedmont Association of Va., A. D. 1923.

Agreed on motion we correspond with the Mississippi River Association, The Good Hopes Association of Texas, The Mt. Willow Association of Ark., and the Sundy Ridge Association of N.C. by letter and minutes.

Agreed on motion the Moderator and Clerk prepare the corresponding letters. Agreed on motion the Finance Committee make report. The Committee reported all Churches paid up. Agreed on motion the report of Finance Committee be received. Agreed on motion we hear report of Treasurer. The Treasurer reported blank. Agreed on motion the Association have 1000 minutes printed under the supervision of the Moderator and Clerk. Agreed on motion the Abstracts of Principles and Rules of Decorum of Church Government be adopted in the Minutes. Agreed on motion the Association adjourn until A. D. 1923.

ELDER H. BLACK, Moderator.

H. C. JONES, Clerk.

N. C. ATKINSON, Asst Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER

This is the 42nd session of the Radicue Primitive Baptist Association held with the Spring Green Church, Nash County, N C. commencing on Friday before 1st Sunday in October 1922.

Dear Sister Associations, we have met your Delegates and Ministers, and have heard them set forth the words of eternal life. We feel thankful to our Heavenly Father for having brought us together face to face in another Association. Though our trials and tribulations were many, God has been our Great Deliverer. Dear Brethren, your correspondence has been dear to us and gives us strength and courage to bear our troubles. May this correspondence continue. The next session of the Association convenes with the Savannah Church, Edgecombe County, N. C. 4 miles from Conetoe, N. C.

This done by order of the Association.

ELDER H. BLACK, Moderator.

H. C. JONES, Clerk.

N. C. ATKINSON, Asst. Clerk.

MINISTERS' TEXTS

Friday Morning

Elder H. Black sang hymn 185. Elder J. H. Jones led in prayer. Elder H. Black preached from Isaiah 61:1. Elder J. B. Hyman sang hymn 400. Subject, Corinthians 1:2.

Friday Evening Service

Bro. Willie Powell opened by singing hymn 507 and led in

prayer. Bro. Willie Powell preached from 25th Psalm, 1. Bro. Robert Taylor preached from St. John 9:4, and closed by singing hymn 506.

Friday Night

Bro. Geo. Bullock opened service by singing hymn 187 and led in prayer. Bro. Bullock preached from Ephesians 1:1. Bro. Geo. Best sang hymn 372 and preached from Isaiah 53:3. Elder H. Black sang hymn 494 and treated the subject "By Grace are Ye Saved" and closed by singing hymn 627.

Saturday Morning

Elder J. B. Hyman opened by singing hymn 336. Elder Cain Duncan led in prayer. Elder J. B. Hyman preached from St. Mark 3:3. Elder E. K. Turner preached from St. Mattthew 16: 17-18. Elder H. Black dismissed by singing hymn 416.

Saturday Evening

Elder Cagela preached from St. John 1:1. Elder Cain Duncan text St. John 1:1. Elder J. H. Jones preached from I Corinthians 15:34. Closed by singing hymn 120.

RULES OF DECORUM OF CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

AGREED TO AND ADOPTED BY THE CHURCH OF GOD AT RADICUE MEETING HOUSE FRIDAY BEFORE THE FIRST SUNDAY IN AUGUST, 1876.

Being dismissed by letters from Otter's Creek, Sparta, Tyson's Meeting House; having spent the day in fasting and prayer, give ourselves to Christ and to one another.

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We believe the mode of baptism is by immersing in water.

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Table of Statistics

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Radicue, Pitt	J. R. Barnes Wilson	W. Coburn, N. Spell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Harper, Edgecombe	H. Black Conetoe	H. C Jones, S B. Howard	11	0	0	0	3	3	4	95
Savannah, Edgecombe	H. Black Conetoe	H. Staton, H. Dickens	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
Spring Green, Nash	J. B. Hyman Oak City	H. Joyner, W. Jones	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Cabin Level, Wilson	H Black Conetoe	H. Black	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Pilgrim Rest, Wilson	J. R. Barnes Wilson	C. Davis, J. R. Barnes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Mt. Zion, Edgecombe	H. M. Smith Falkland	G. Hart, J. Whitehead	0		1	0	0	0	0	27
Plymouth, Washington	H. Black Conetoe	J. Carney, J. Coburn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12
Art Willow, Pitt	H. M. Smith Falkland	C. Cooper, S Newton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Mt. Ebal, Martin	J. B. Hyman Oak City	J. B. Hyman, G. Bullock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Rehovah, Pitt	H. Black Conetoe	A. Wooten	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Mt. Galilee, Edgecombe	H. M. Smith Falkland	G. Garrett, T. Dupree	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Seven Springs, Edgecombe	J. R. Barnes Wilson	T. Dupree, W. Powell	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Hopeville, Martin	H. Outerbridge Everette	A. Outerbridge. H. C. Howard.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

MINUTES

OF THE

Forty-Fourth Annual Session

OF THE

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HELD WITH

HARPERS CHURCH

EDGECOMBE COUNTY, N. C.

Commencing Friday before the First Sunday in October, 1924

BARRITT'S PRINT, WILSON, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

October 3rd, 1924

Elder Robert Taylor introduced services by singing hymn No. 364. Elder J. R. Edwards prayed for the blessings of God upon the Association. Elder Robert Taylor preached the introductory sermon, text was from 1st. chapter of St. John and 1st. verse. Elder J. R. Edwards alternated by singing hymn No. 472 and preached from St. John, 1st. verse. The Moderator then dismissed the Association for a recess of 45 minutes.

After the Association re-assembled, Elder Robert Taylor presiding, sang hymn No. 401. Prayer by Eld. J. R. Edwards. The Moderator then announced the Association in order for business. Agreed on motion that Elder Robert Taylor be chosen Moderator of the Association in the absence of Elder J. R. Barnes; and that Bro. N. C. Atkinson be chosen Clerk with Bro. H. C. Howard Assistant Clerk. Agreed on motion that Bros. C. Cooper, George Spell and George Garrett be appointed Committee on Finance. Agreed on motion Elder H. M. Smith, Bros. W. Langley and George Garrett be appointed Committee on Arrangement of preaching. Agreed on motion Visiting Ministers and Messengers from Sister Associations be invited to seats with us and feel themselves at home. Agreed on motion that the roll of churches be called. The Committee on Arrangement proceeded to appoint Elder George Best and Bro. Joe Jones to the stand to preach for the people. Agreed on motion to send Bro. Charlie Davis to the stand to record the ministers text. Agreed on motion that Corresponding Messengers from Sister Associations make their report. Elder P. S. Killen represented the Antioch Association of Georgia with a file of minutes. Agreed on motion that the report of the Messengers be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Messengers. Elder E. Y. Yarborough with a file of minutes represented the Union Association of Georgia and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Messengers. Mt. Calvary Association was represented by Elder Jas. Goosby and was received. Elder P. H. Hollis with a file of minutes represented the Mt. Ramah Association of Georgia and was received by the Moderator extend-

ing the right hand of fellowship to the messenger. Elder J. R. Edwards with a file of minutes represented the Mt. Olive Association of Georgia and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Messenger. Bro. Joe Everett represented the Little River Association of Wayne County, N. C. and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Messenger. Elder Allen Williams represented the Corresponding Association of Martin County, N. C. and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Messenger. Chestnut Knob Association of Virginia not represented. Cub Run Association not represented. The Piedmont Association of Virginia not represented. Contentnea Association of N. C. not represented. Union Line Association not represented. The Mississippi Mt. Willow and the Good Hope Association not represented.

Agreed on motion that Corresponding letters be called for. There were not any. Agreed petitionary letters be called for. Not any. Agreed on motion we see where the next session of the Radicue Primitive Baptist Association shall sit The following churches asked for the Association: Pilgrim Rest, Mt. Galilee, Radicue and Mt. Zion. It seemed to please the minds of the Brethren to give The Pilgrims Rest the next session of the Association. Agreed on motion the next session of the Radicue Primitive Baptist Association sit with Pilgrim Rest Church at Wilson, Wilson County, N. C.

Agreed on motion that Elder J. R. Barnes praach the introductory sermon with Elder H. M. Smith, Alternate. The Association will be held on Friday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1925. Agreed on motion that the Moderator and Clerk prepare the Circular Letter. Agreed on motion the Association adjourn until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock. Eld. Robert Taylor sang hymn No. 503. Elder H. M. Smith closed with benediction.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Radicue Association met pursuant to appointment. Elder Robert Taylor opened the service by singing hymn No. 273. Prayer by Elder J. R. Edwards. The Moderator after reading the 4th chapter of Proverbs of Solomon announced the Association ready for business.

Agreed on motion the roll of churches be called and they answer by their representative. Agreed on motion that the Corresponding delegates be called. Agreed on motion that yesterday's proceedings be received and adopted, Agreed on motion that the circular letter be read. Agreed on motion that

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Agreed on motion we take up unfinished business. The Committee on Arrangement of Preaching appointed Elder A. Outterbridge and Bro. Joe Jones to go to the stand to preach for the people. Agreed on motion we get out messengers to visit Sister Associations of Georgia with whom we correspond. Agreed on motion to send Elder J. R. Barnes to the several A sociations of Georgia. Agreed on motion that we correspond with Mt. Willow Association of Mississippi in Arkansas by letters and minutes. Agreed on motion we send Elder R. Taylor and T. Brown to Corresponding Association of Martin County, N. C. Agreed on motion we send Elder H. Smith to the Little River Association of Wayne County, N. C. Agreed on motion we send Elder W Powell to Contentnea Association of Johnson County, N. C. Agreed on motion we send Elder H. M. Smith to the Cub Run Association of Virginia 1925. Agreed on motion we send Elder W. Powell to the Chestnut Knob and the Piedmont Associations of Virginia in 1925. Agreed to send Elder Robert Taylor to the Union Line Association of North Carolina in 1925. Agreed on motion that we have 1000 copies of the Minutes printed under the supervision of Elder J. R. Barnes and Bro. N. C. Atkinson write the Corresponding letters to sister Associations. Agreed on motion that the report of the Treasurer be received. Agreed on motion that the Radicue Primitive Baptist Association adjourn until 1925. Elder Robert Taylor sang hymn No. 202 and prayed in dismission. The Moderator then announced the Association closed.

ELDER ROBERT TAYLOR, Moderator
BRO. N. C. ATKINSON, Association Clerk
" H. C. HOWARD, Assistant Clerk

MINISTERS TEXTS

Saturday afternoon Sermons—Elder Robert Taylor sang hymn No. 490. Elder A. Outterbridge led in prayer. Elder O. Little sang hymn No. 188 and preached from 137th. Psalm of David. Elder Lewis Carney omitted singing and preached from the 35th. chapter of Exodus.

Sunday morning Service—Elder J. R. Edwards sang hymn No. 177, preached from 8th verse of Samuel. Elder H. M. Smith sang hymn No. 41, preached from 12th. chapter and 9th. verse of John. Closed by singing hymn No. 616. Elder Robert Taylor sang hymn No. 284 and dismissed the people.

CIRCULAR LETTER

This is the 44th. Annual Session of the Radicue Primitive Baptist Association held with Harpers Church, Edgecombe County, N. C. commencing on Friday before the 1st. Sunday in October. 1924.

Dear Brethren: We have been blessed to meet your Ministers and Messengers. They have brought glad tidings of great joy from a far country. O how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment that was poured on Aaron's head and ran down on the skirt of his garment; when the Lord commanded a blessing even forevermore.

Brethren, let us stand fast in the liberty where Christ has has made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage where some lie in wait to deceive finally. Brethren, pray for us that our faith fail not and that God's righteousness may be spoken of.

ELDER J. R. BARNES, Moderator
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SABBATH MEETING DAYS AND SATURDAYS BEFORE

Radicue First Sunday. Little Savannah Second Sunday. Cabin Level First Sunday. Mt. Galilee First Sunday. Seven Springs Second Sunday. Hopeville Second Sunday. Harpers Fourth Sunday, Pilgrims Rest Third Sunday. Mount Zion Second Sunday. Plymouth Fourth Sunday.

MINISTERS NAMES

Elder J. R. Barnes — Elder H. M. Smith
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RULES OF DECORUM OF CHURCH GOVERNMENT

Agreed to and Adopted by the Church of God at Radicue Meeting House Friday before the First Sunday in August, 1876

Being dismissed by letters from Otter's Creek, Sparta, Tyson's Meeting House; having spent the day in fasting and prayer, give ourselves to Christ and to one another,

ARTICLE 1. That members comprising this church shall assemble themselves together at Radicue Meeting House the first Sunday in every month and the Saturday before, unless prevented by unavoidable necessity. Heb. 10:10. "And not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is."

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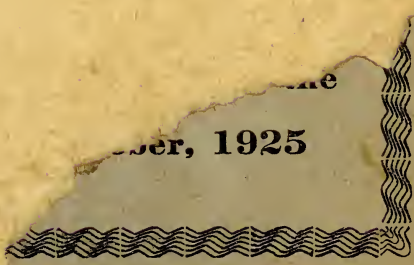
Little Savannah	Edgecombe		N. Spivey, N. C. Atkinson	3	0	0	0	0	1	55
Cabin Level	Wilson	W. Powell, Rocky Mount	W. Powell	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Pilgrim Rest	Wilson	J. R. Barnes, Wilson, R. 5 Box 53	Charlie Davis	0	0	0	0	1	0	14
Mt. Zion	Edgecombe	H. M. Smith, Falkland	Robert Whitehurst	1			0	0	0	26
Plymouth	Washington	J. R. Barnes, Wilson, R. 5 Box 53.	J. Carney	0	0	0	0	0	1	8
Art Willow	Pitt	H. Smith, Falkland	C. Cooper	0	0	0	1	0	0	9
Mt. Galilee	Edgecombe	H. Smith, Falkland	G. Garrett	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Seven Springs	Edgecombe	J. R. Barnes, Wilson, R. 5 Box 53	T. D. Dupree	9	0	0	2	0	1	20
Hopeville	Martin	A. Outterbridge, Everetts	A. Outerbridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	3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October 2nd, 1925

Elder J. R. Barnes introduced the service by singing hymn No. 530. Prayer by Elder J. R. Edwards. Elder J. R. Barnes preached the introductory sermon—Isaiah 62 chapter, 10th. verse. Elder H. M. Smith sang hymn No. 305 and alternated from Joshua, 24th. chapter and 1st. verse. The Moderator dismissed the Association for 45 minutes.

After the Association re-assembled, Elder J. R. Barnes sang hymn No. 273. Prayer by Elder P. S. Killen, the Moderator. Then announced the Association in order for business.

Agreed on motion that Elder J. R. Barnes be chosen Moderator of the Association and Bro. N. C. Atkinson be chosen Clerk with Elder W. Powell, Assistant Clerk.

Agreed on motion that Bros. T. Dupree, G. Garrett and W. J. Moore be appointed Committee on Finance. Agreed on motion that Bros. C. Cooper, N. Spivey and H. C. Howard be appointed Committee on Preaching from day to day. Agreed on motion visiting Ministers and Messengers from Sister Associations be invited to seat with us, feeling themselves at home. Agreed on motion that the roll of churches be called. All present. The Committee on Arrangement proceeded to appoint Elders to the stand. Elders A. Outterbridge, Joe Jones and Bro. T. Brown to preach for the people. Agreed on motion to send Bro. C. Davis to the stand to record the ministers texts. Agreed on motion that the Corresponding Messengers from sister Associations make their reports. Elder P. S. Killen came forward with a file of minutes and represented the Antioch Association of Georgia and come by the way of the Central with the Glorious Hope Church, Macon County which. began Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1925. Agreed on motion that the Messengers and Minutes be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Messengers. Eld. Cain Duncan came forward with a file of minutes and represented the Cub Run Association of Va. and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Messengers with a file of minutes. Association convenes Friday

before the 3rd. Sunday in August, 1926 with the Cub Run Church, get off at Manassa, Va. Elder J. H. Jones came forward with a file of minutes and represented the Mt. Ramah Association of Ga.

Mt. Olive, Upton County, 5 miles east of Thomson, Ga. Travelers come by way of Central session began Friday before the 4th. Sunday in October, 1925. On motion the Messengers be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of felfowship to the Messengers. Elder J. R. Edwards came forward and represented the Mt. Olive Association of Ga. with a file of minutes, next session began Friday before the 4th. Sunday in October, 1925, get off at Clenchfield. On motion the Messengers were received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Messengers. Elder Jonah Bunch came forward and represented the Contently Association with a file of minutes, next session began Friday before the 4th. Sunday in October, 1925 at Goldsboro, N. C., Contently Chapel. On motion the Messengers and minutes be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers. Elder George W. Best came forward and represented the Corresponding Association in peace. On motion the messengers were received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers. Elder Charlie Stewart and Bro. Joe Everett came forward and represented the Little River Association of Johnson County, N. C., the Association convened Friday before the 2nd. Sunday in October, 1925. Get off at Princeton, N. C. Agreed on motion that the Messengers and minutes be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers. Elder T. J. James came forward and represented the Union Association of Ga., next session will convene at Columbus, Ga. by the way of the Central of Ga. Friday before the 3rd. Sunday in October, 1925 at Saint Paul. Agreed that the Messengers be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Elder J. W. Williamston came forward and represented the Union Association and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers. On motion the corresponding letters be called for. Not any. On motion the petitionary letters be called for. Not any. On motion we see where the next session of the Radicue Primitive Baptist Association shall sit. The following churches asked for it: Radicue and Mt. Galilee Churches. Agreed on motion the next session of the Radicue Primitive Baptist Association sit with Radicue Church, Pitt County, N. C., beginning Friday before the 1st. Sunday in October, 1926. Get off train at Greenville or House, N. C.

Agreed on motion that Elder J. R. Barnes preach the Introductory Sermon with Elder H. M. Smith Alternate The Association will be held on Friday before the 1st. Sunday in October, 1926. Agreed on motion that the Moderator and Clerk prepare the circular letter. Agreed on motion the Association adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:00 o'clock. Elder J. B. Barnes sang hymn No. 503 and closed.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Elder J. R. Barnes opened services by singing hymn No. 91. Elder T. S. Piles prayed for the blessings upon this Association. Elder J. R. Barnes read 1st. Psalm of David, The Moderator announced the Association in order.

On motion roll of churches be called. On motion Corresponding delegates be called. On motion that yesterdays proceedings be read. On motion that yesterdays proceedings be received and adopted. On motion that the circular letter be read received and adopted. On motion we take up unfinished business. On motion Committee on Arrangement of preaching began to appoint Elders Jerry Williams, Stewart and Dunkin to preach for the people. On motion we get out messengers to visit Corresponding Association in Ga. On motion we correspond with the Mt. Olive Association of Ga. by letters and minutes. On motion we send Elder J. R. Barnes to the several Associations in Ga. On motion we correspond with the Mt. Willow Association of Mississippi by letters and minutes. On motion we send Elder Joe Jones to the Corresponding Association of North Carolina, convening Friday before second Sunday in October, 1925. On motion we send Elder Robert Taylor to the Little River Association of Johnson County, 1925. On motion we send Elder H. M. Smith to the Cub Run Association of Va., 1926. On motion we send Elder Taylor to the Chestnut Knob and the Piedmont Associations of Va., 1926. On motion we send Elder Joe Jones to the Union Association, Pitt County, 1926, On motion we send Elder A. Outterbridge to the Contently Association of Wayne County, 1925. Agreed on motion that the Finance Committee make their report. Reported all churches up. Agreed on motion that we correspond with the Good Hope Association by letter and minutes. Agreed on motion that we have 1000 minutes printed under the supervision of the Moderator and Clerk. Agreed on motion that the Association Treasurer make her report. Agreed on motion that the report of the Treasurer be received. Agreed on motion that the Abstracts of Principles and Rules of Decorum be adopted in

the minutes, On motion the Association adjourn until 1926. Elder J. R. Barnes, the Moderator, sang hymn No. 196. Benediction by Elder P. S. Killen.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Elder H. M. Smith sang hymn No. 305. Elder J. R. Barnes sang hymn No. 72. Prayer by Elder J. H. Jones.

We, the Committee on Arrangement of preaching from day to day, appointed Elder H. M. Smith, who sang hymn No. 353 and preached from Genesis, 2nd. chapter. Eld. T. L. Piles sang hymn No. 18 and preached from the same text. Elder J. R. Edwards sang hymn No. 494 and preached from the same text. Elder P. S. Killen spoke from the same text. Elder H. M. Smith sang hymn No. 298. The committee appointed Elders W. Powell, Jonah Bunch and Johnie Bunch to preach Saturday night.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Elder J. R. Barnes sang hymn No. 675. Prayer by Elder A. Outterbridge. Elder Jonah Bunch sang hymn No. 353, after which he preached from 2nd chapter of Saint John. Elder W. Powell sang hymn 174 and preached from the same text, Elder Johnie Bunch sang hymn 372 and preached from Revelation, 14th. chapter. Elder Lewis Carney sang hymn 379 and preached from 2nd chapter of St. John. Elder John Barnes sang the closing hymn 275.

CIRCULAR LETTER

This is the 45th. Annual Session of the Radicue Primitive Baptist Association held with the Pilgrim Rest Church, Wilson County, N. C., commencing Friday before the 1st. Sunday in October, 1925.

Dear Brethren: We have brought glad tidings of great joy from a far country. Oh how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment that was poured on Aaron's head, that ran down the skirt of his garment, when the Lord commanded a blessing even for ever more. Brethren, let us stand fast in the liberty where with Christ has made us free; and be not entangled again with yoke of bondage, where some lie in wait to deceive, Finally Brethren, pray for us that our faith fail not and God's righteousness may be spoken of.

Elder J. R. Farnes, Moderator
N. C. Atkinson, Clerk
Elder W. Powell, Asst. Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

Elder J. R. Barnes sang opening hymn No. 363. Prayer by Elder John Robertson. Elder J. H. Jones sang hymn 438, and chose for his text Paul's letter, 14th. chapter of Corinth. Elder T. F. Piles sang hymn No. 38. He chose for his text the same. Elder P. S. Killen sang hymn No. 372. Preached from 15th. chapter and 1st. verse of Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Elder J. R. Barnes sang hymn No. 68.

Elder J. R. Barnes thanked the good people of Wilson County for caring for the Association and people.

Agreed on motion that the Radicue Primitive Baptist Association adjourn until 1926. Elder J. R. Barnes sang hymn No. 275. The Moderator announced the Association closed.

ELDER J. R. BARNES, Moderator
N. C. ATKINSON, Clerk
ELDER W. POWELL, Asst. Clerk

MINISTERS TEXT

Elder A. Outterbridge sang hymn No. 188. Prayer by Elder Joe Jones. Elder A, Outterbridge text 2nd. chapter of Job. Bro. T Brown sang hymn No. 507, preached from Timothy, 1st. chapter and 2nd verse. Elder Joe Jones preached from the same text. Elder George Best sang hymn No. 207, preached from 14th chapter 1st verse of St. John. Elder J. H. Jones sang hymn No. 275, preached from 14th chapter and 1st Luke. Elder T. F. Piles sang hymn No. 209, text 14th. chapter 6th. verse Genesis. Elder J. R. Edwards sang hymn No. 18, text 15th chapter of St John. Elder Cain Duncan sang hymn No. 200, prayed and choose for his text the 1st chapter of Rome and 3rd verse. Charlie Stewart sang hymn No. 492 and choose for his text 4th. chapter of Saint John.

SABBATH MEETING DAYS AND SATURDAYS BEFORE

Radicue, First Sunday. Cabin Level, First Sunday. Seven Springs, Second Sunday. Little Savannah, Second Sunday. Mt. Galilee, First Sunday. Hopeville, Second Sunday. Harpers, Fourth Sunday. Pilgrim Rest, Third Sunday. Mt. Zion, Second Sunday. Plymouth, Fourth Sunday.

MINISTERS NAMES

Elders J. R. Barnes, A. Outterbridge, Robert Taylor, Joe Jones, H. M. Smith, W. Powell

Licensed Preacher: Bro. T. Brown.

Rules of Decorum of Church Government

Agreed to and Adopted by the Church of God at Radicue Meeting House, Friday before the First Sunday in August, 1876

Being dismissed by letters from Otter's Creek, Sparta, Tyson's Meeting House; having spent the day in fasting and prayer, give ourselves to Christ and to one another

ARTICLE I. That members comprising this church shall assemble themselves together at Radicue Meeting House the first Sunday in every month and the Saturday before, unless prevented by unavoidable necessity. Heb. 10:10. "And not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is."

2. The members of the church shall meet in conference on every Saturday before the first Sunday in each month. Acts 15:6. "And the Apostles and Elders came together to consider of this matter."

3. Conference shall be opened and closed with prayer, or praise to Almighty God. 1 Tim. 2:1. "I exhort, therefore, that first of all prayer and intercession and giving of thanks be made for all men." 1 Thes. 1:17-18. "Pray without ceasing, and everything give thanks for this the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

4. The pastor of the church shall be moderator or nominate one who is present, when absent the Conference shall appoint one, and after the conference shall be agreed, on motion, visiting brethren from sister churches may be invited to take seats with us. Psalm 133:1. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

5. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preserve order and harmony in the conference according to these rules or others which may be subsequently adopted. He shall fairly state every question, ascertain the majority and report accordingly. 1 Cor. 16:10. "Let everything be done decently and in order."

6. The conference shall appoint a clerk, whose duty it shall be to record faithfully in a well bound book (purchased by the conference) all of their proceedings and to do and to perform all other such things as usually devolves upon such officers.

7. The members' names shall be enrolled distinctly, called over and a significant mark attached to their names which may be absent. Acts 1:15. "The number of their names together were about 120." When any member shall be absent three conference, it shall be the duty of the clerk to give notice thereof to the church, who

thereupon, shall order notice to be issued to the delinquent to be served by one of the deacons, and upon which the conference may take such measures as to them may appear consonant with brotherly love and gospel order. Heb. 10:25. "Not forsake the assembling together."

8. A door shall be opened for the admission of new members who before admission shall verbally relate their experience and when unanimous satisfaction is offered the church in conference that God has wrought a work of grace in their souls, it shall be the duty of the moderator to give them the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the church, and said candidate, shall after being baptized by immersion, become a member of the church. and not before. Peter 3:15. "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that ask you the reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." Mat. 28:19. Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."

9. If any member of this church shall bring a complaint of a private trespass having been committed upon him by one of his brethren, before he shall have complied with the requisition of the great head of the church, prescribed in the 8th chapter of Matthew, the church shall disregard it and shall be deemed disorder. "Whereof if thy brother trespass against thee", etc.

10. It shall be deemed disorder in any member of the church who shall speak illiberally of one of his brethren or otherwise than is laid down in the word before the recited chapter (18th of Matthew) and who may join the world caluminating or traducing their character. Rom. 1:39. "Let love be without dissimulation." Gal. 6:12. "Brethren if a man be overtaken in fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, less thou also be tempted." "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."

11. All public offences against morality shall be noted by the church publicly and the offenders dealt with according to gospel order. Mat. 5:16. "Let your light so shine before men that they May see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

12. Every motion made and seconded, shall be taken under consideration of the conference. unless withdrawn by the mover and making it open for discussion or debate, but one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator by the appellation of Brother Moderator, and when two or more shall rise at the same time he shall decide without argument between them." 1 Cor. 14:40. "Let everything be done decently and in order."

13. Every query presented shall be thrice read before it is open

for debate and it shall not be received unless a majority of those present concur in its reception and its decision a majority shall govern.

14. In all cases, except in the admission of members into the church a majority of those present shall govern whose decisions shall be final, except two-thirds of the members at the next conference agree to consider the matter and two-thirds shall so agree the subject matter shall again come before the conference and this decision shall be final.

15. Implicit obedience shall be yielded to the decision of the conference, but every member that is dissatisfied with the proceedings of the conference shall express themselves before adjourning of the conference and not thereafter. Rom. 13:1. "Let every soul be subject to a higher power."

16. The minutes of the conference shall be read before it adjourns and all errors corrected.

17. The following are prohibited: Whispering or laughing during time of public speaking, with the appearance of wrath, or in a degrading manner, speaking more than three times without leave.

18. It shall be deemed disorderly in any member who openly and avowedly denies the fundamental doctrine contained in the church covenant and they shall be dealt with accordingly. Jude 1:3. "Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Be of one mind. How can two walk together except they be agreed?

19. As intemperance is one of the worst evils which can effect the members of any society, either civil or religious, and more especially the latter, it being in direct violation of the word of God, wounding the cause of Jesus Christ, hurting the feelings of the sober brethren and exposing the individual to commission of sin of the most abominable cast of character, we do declare and agree that when any member of this church shall so far forget what he owes to the great head of the church, to himself, the feeling of his brethren and to mortals and to well being of society generally, as to get drunk and become known to the church, he shall be notified to attend our church conference, and on failing to render entire satisfaction, to be considered as an excommunicant and not entitled to any privilege thereafter until such offender shall bring forth fruits meet for repentance. Mat. 5:16. "Let your lights so shine before men", etc. The following amendment to the above article was adopted in conference and read thus:—"And we further agree and declare to be the duty of every member of this church, that when he knows of a member of this church getting drunk as above stated in this article to make it known to the church."

20. If upon issuing a notice to any delinquent member as is required by the 7th. Article of this Decorum, the Deacon returns "not to be found within the limits of the church", that the conference shall then proceed as if the notice had been served.

21. A majority of the members of this church in conference shall have power to alter or to amend any of the rules of this Decorum, which they have adopted for their government or to add any new rules which said majority may deem necessary.

Motion made and seconded and agreed that no church shall hold any member who will not pay an honest debt.

Motion made and seconded that we will not have nor hold members with us belonging to secret societies, Odd Fellows, Masons, or Sunday School.

ABSTRACTS OF PRINCIPLES

We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

We believe in one Superior Eternal God the creator and upholder of all beings and the disposer of all events for there are three that bear record in heaven; the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one. I John 2:5.

We believe in the total depravity and just condemnation of all the fallen race of Adam.

We believe in original sin and that the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted, regenerated, sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

We believe that the saints shall always preserve in grace and never finally fall away.

We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers in Jesus Christ are the only subjects entitled to these privileges.

We believe the mode of baptism is by immersing in water.

We believe that God chose his people in Christ Jesus before the world began.

We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of ordinances only such as are regularly baptized, called and come under the imposition of the hands presbyter.

We believe that none but regularly baptized members have the right to commune at the Lord's Table.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	ELDERS AND ADDRESS	DELEGATES	Baptized	Rec Pro Faith	Rec. by Letter	Dismissd by letter	Excommunicate	Restored	Deceased	Membership
Radicue	Pitt	J. R. Barnes, Wilson	G T. Spell								
Harpers	Edgecombe	J. R. Barnes, Wilson	N. Spivey, H. C. Howard	4	0	0	0	2	1	2	97
Savannah	Edgecombe	J. R. Barnes, Wilson	N. C. Atkinson, A. Smith	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	52
Cabin Level	Wilson	W. Powell, Rocky Mt.	W. Powell	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Pilgrim Rest	Wilson	J. R. Barnes, Wilson	T. Dupree, C. Davis	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	14
Mt. Zion	Edgecombe	H. M. Smith, Falkland	G. Hart	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	22
Plymouth	Washington	J. R. Barnes, Wilson	J. Carney	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	9
Art Willow	Pitt	H. M. Smith, Falkland	C. Cooper, S. Newton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Mt. Galille	Edgecombe	H. M. Smith, Falkland	G. Garrett	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
Seven Springs	Edgecombe	J. R. Barnes, Wilson	T. Dupree, W. J. Moore	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	23
Hopeville	Martin	A. Outterbridge, Everette	A. Outterbridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

48th. Annual Session

OF THE

Radicue Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

MT. ZION CHURCH

TARBORO, N. C.

1928

ELDER J. R. BARNES, Moderator
ELDER W. POWELL, Association Clerk
ELDER JAMES CARNEY, Assistant Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

The 48th. Annual Session of the Radicue Primitive Baptist Association was held with Mt. Zion Church, Tarboro, N. C., 1928.

According to appointment of 1927, Elder J. R. Barnes was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, with Elder W. Brown, Alternate. Elder Barnes sang hymn 141. Prayer by Elder A. J. Jones for the blessings of the Lord upon the Association Elder Barnes chose for his text 2nd. chapter of 2nd Peter, 6-7 verse, and preached with uplifted spirit. after which Elder W. Powell, Alternate, preached from the same subject and also Elder Jones of Georgia with the force of the spirit. Elder W. M. Burnam preached on the same subject with edifying words, which made our hearts rejoice. Elder J. R. Barnes closed by singing hymn 198 and dismissed for a period of 45 minutes.

The Association re-assembled; Elder Barnes, Moderator, presiding. Sang hymn 300. Elder A. Arterbridge prayed for the blessings of the Lord to be upon the Association. The Moderator then announced the Association in order and ready for the transaction of business,

Agreed on motion Elder Barnes be chosen for our Moderator of the Association. Agreed on motion Elder Powell be chosen Association Clerk. Agreed on motion we choose Bro. James Carney Assistant Clerk. Agreed on motion Bros. T. Dupree, George Garrett and David Mayo be appointed Committee on Finance. Agreed on motion Elder Barnes and Bro. Dupree be appointed Committee on Arrangement of preaching from day to day. Agreed on motion Committee began to appoint. Agreed on motion we send Bro. M. H. Hines and Elder E. D. Taylor to the stand to preach for the people Agreed on motion we send Bro. Charlie Davis to record the ministers text. Agreed on motion Ministers and Messengers from Sister Associations be invited to seat with us and take active part in our Association, feeling themselves at home. Agreed on mo-

tion roll of churches be called. All were present. Agreed on motion Ministers and Messengers from Sister Associations with whom we correspond, make their report.

Elder Burnam came forward with a file of minutes representing the Antioch Association in peace and love with one another and still desire their correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion next session sit with St. Paul Church, Montezuma, Ga Agreed on motion Messengers and Ministers be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Messengers. Elder Jones came forward with a file of minutes from the Union Association of Georgia, stating peace and love one with the other. Their next session convenes with the Mt. Mary Church, Calhoone County, get off train at Holt Station. Agreed on motion the Messengers and Ministers be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Messengers.

Elder A. J. Jones came forward with a file of minutes representing the Mt. Ramah Association of Georgia, stating peace and love with one another and desiring their correspondence to continue. Their next session will convene at Pine Grove, Crofort, Ga. Agreed on motion the Messengers and Ministers be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

Elder Lewis Carney came forth with a file of minutes from the Corresponding Association of N. C., stating peace and love with one another and desire their correspondence continue. They were received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Messengers.

Elder C. Taylor came forward from Contentnea Association of N. C,, stating all in peace and love with themselves and desiring to keep up friendly correspondence. Agreed on motion the Messengers be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

Brother Joe Everett came forward with a file of minutes representing the Little River Association of N. C., and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Messengers.

Elder E. K. Turner came forward from the Chestnut Knob Association of Va , stating love and peace with themselves and desire to keep up friendly correspondence. They were received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Messengers.

Piedmont Association was not represented.

Cub Run Association of Va not represented.

Agreed on motion corresponding letter be called for. Elder Burnam came forward seeking correspondence with the Radicue Primitive Baptist Association for the North Eastern Association of Hartford, Conn. Agreed on motion the Radicue Primitive Baptist Association take correspondence with the North Eastern Association, Hertford, Conn., and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Messengers.

Elder Burnam came forward with words of consolation in behalf of the North Western Association, Detroit, Mich., seeking correspondence with the Radicue Primitive Baptist Association. Agreed on motion Radicue take up correspondence with the North Western Association of Detroit, Mich. It was agreed and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Messengers, also a file of minutes.

On motion Petitionary letters be called for, Not any.

Agreed on motion church letters be called for and read. Agreed on motion we see where the next session of the Radicue Primitive Baptist Association wtll sit. Mt. Galilee Radicue, Little Savonna and Harpers Chapel asked for it. It seemed to please the mind of the Association to give the next session to Harper's Church, Edgecombe County. Get off train at Bethel, N. C. Agreed on motion Elder J. R. Barnes preach the introductory sermon with Elder W. Powell, Alternate. Agreed on motion the Moderator and Clerk prepare the Circular letter. Agreed on motion the Association stand for adjournment until Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock. Elder J. R. Barnes sang hymn 411 and dismissed the Association.

ELDER J. R. BARNES, Moderator
" W. POWELL, Clerk
BRO. JAMES, CARNEY , Asst. Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Service was opened at 9:00 o'clock by Elder Barnes, the Moderator, singing hymn No. 209. Prayer by Elder Turner of Virginia.

Agreed on motion roll of churches be called. All re sponded Agreed on motion yesterdays proceedings be read On motion yesterdays proceedings be received with errors corrected. Agreed on motion we take up unfinished business. Agreed on motion Finance Committee make their report. Finance report all up. Agreed on motion Elder H. M. Smith be silent until further consideration, Agreed on motion we appoint delegatef to visit Sister Associations with whom we correspond.

Agreed on motion we send Elder Powell to the several Associations of Georgia. Agreed on motion we send Elder Barnes to the Corresponding Association of North Carolina in 1928. Agreed on motion we send Elder A, Arterbridge to Little River Association of Johnson County, North Carolina. Agreed on motion we send Bro. M. H. Hines to the Contentnea Association of Johnson County, North Carolina. Agreed on motion we send Elders Barnes and Taylor to the Chestnut Knob and Piedmont Associations of Virginia 1929 Agreed on motion we correspond with the North Eastern and North Western Associations with letters and minutes for the year 1929.

FRIDAY MORNINC SESSION

MINISTERS TEXTS

Bro. Hines sang hymn 147 and lead in prayer, after which he chose for his text 14th. chapter of St. John. Elder Taylor sang hymn 492 and preached from the same text. Bro. Hines sang hymn 298 and dismissed the people

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Elder S. P. Wolt sang hymn 3 and lead in prayer, after which he chose for his text 1st. chapter of Genesis, 2nd. verse. Elder Taylor sang hymn 492 and chose for his text 1st. chapter of St. John and sang hymn of dismission.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERMONS

Elder Taylor sang hymn 530 and lead in prayer. He chose for his text 1st. chapter St. John. Elder A Arterbridge sang hymn 38 and alternated the same. Elder Barnes sang hymn 180 and Elder Burnam dismissed the people.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Bro. B. B. Exum sang hymn 3 and prayed for the blessing of the Lord restored upon us. Chose for his text 5th. chapter of St. John, 1st. verse. Elder Lewis Carney sang hymn 250 and preached from the same subject after which he sang hymn 355 and dismissed the people.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERMONS

Elder Barnes sang hymn 615 and lead in prayer. Elder Jones sang hymn 372 and chose for his text Jeremiah, 1st chapter and 2nd. verse. Elder Carney followed with the same sub-

ject. Elder Barnes sang hymn 622 and dismissed the congregation.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

Elder J. R. Barnes opened services by singing hymn 411. Prayer offered by Bro. Turner Bro. Exum sang hymn 433 and chose for his text 16th. chapter of St. Matthew and 23rd. verse. Elder Cherry sang hymn 198 and preached on the same subject. Elder Jones sang hymn 380 and chose for his text 1st. chapter of St. John and 1st. verse.

SUNDAY MORNING SERMONS

Elder Burnam sang hymn 141 and preached from the same subject. Elder Barnes sang hymn 128 and chose for his text Isaiah, 54th. chapter and 1st. verse, after which he sang hymn 618 and with many words of thanks he extended to the people for their kindness and hospitality towards their tender care for the people through our Association and pray the blessings of the Lord be restored upon them—Amen.

ELDER J. R. BARNES, Moderator
" W. POWELL, Asso. Clerk
" BRO. J. CARNEY, Asst. Clerk

Agreed on motion we send Elder Arterbridge to Cub Run Association of Virginia in 1929. Agreed on motion we correspond with the Good Hope and Mt. Willow Associations of Texas with letters and minutes during 1929. Agreed on motion the Association have 500 minutes printed under the supervision of the Moderator and Clerk. Agreed on motion the Abstracts, Rules of Decorum and Principles be recorded in the minutes. On motion the Association stand adjourned until 1929. Elder Barnes sang hymn 196. Benediction by Elder J. R. Barnes.

ELDER J. R. BARNES Moderator
" W. POWELL, Asso. Clerk
" JAMES CARNEY, Asst. Clerk

CHURCH MEETING DAYS EACH MONTH

Radicue—Saturday before the 1st. Sunday.
Harper's—Saturday before 4th. Sunday.
Savanah—Saturday before 2nd. Sunday.
Cabin Level—Saturday before 1st. Sunday.

Pilgrim Rest– Saturday before 3rd. Sunday.
Mount Zion—Saturday before 2nd. Sunday.
Plymouth—Saturday before 4th. Sunday.
Art Willow—Saturday before 3rd. Sunday.
Mt. Galilee—Saturday before 1st. Sunday.
Seven Springs—Saturday before 2nd. Sunday.
Hopewell—Saturday before 2nd. Sunday.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Minutes of the 48th. Annual Session of Radicue Primitive Baptist Association of Mt. Zion Church Tarboro, N. C.

Dear beloved and affectionate brethren, it is again with the goodness and mercy of God that we are blessed to meet each other in another Association. We are led by the spirit of God in the way of righteousness. Brethren, let us ever stand together and preach the doctrine of Christ and we hope to keep up correspondence with all our Corresponding Associations. Jesus said to us—"Fear not Little Flock, it is your Fathers good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." He has overcome the world for us. We have heard from the Sons of Thunder bringing glad tidings of great joy from a far country. Now brethren, pray for us that our faith fail not, that God's righteousness may be spoken throughout the whole world. I hope the Lord will be with us all --Amen.

ELDER J. R. BARNES, Moderator
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The Association re-assembled Elder J. R Barnes, Moderator Presiding Sang hymn No, 411 and prayer by Elder J. H. Jones after which the Moderator read for the instruction of the Brethren the first Chapter of St. John the Devine and announed the association in order and ready for the transaction of business Motion and agreed Elder J. R. Barnes be re-elected Moderator for the association. Motion and agreed that Elder W. Powell be chosen Association clerk and Bro. James Corney assistant clerk. Motion and agreed that Bros. T. Dupree, Geo. Garrett and David Mayo be appointed Finance Committee Motion and agreed that Elder J. R. Barnes and Bro. T. Dupree be appointed committee on preaching from day to day. Motion and agreed that committee begin to appoint Bro. W. J. Moore and Elder O Little go to the stand to preach for the people. Motion and agreed that Bro. Rufus Chance and Bro. Chas. Davis go to the stand and record the minutes text. Motion and agreed we invite visiting ministers and messengers from sister associations whom we correspond with to seat with us and form

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Service was opened at 9:00 o'clock by Elder Barnes. The Moderator sang hymn No 300. Prayer by Elder Jones, after which Elder Barnes announced the house in order and ready for business. Motion and agreed roll of churches be called. Motion and agreed yesterdays proceedings be read. Motion and agreed yesterdays proceedings be received with errors corrected. Motion and agreed we take up unfinished business. Motion and agreed Finance Committee make their report. Committee reported that the church is all up. Motion and a greed we appoint messengers to visit sister Association whom we correspond with. Motion and agreed that we send Elder W. Powell to visit the several associations of Georgia with whom we correspond. Motion and agreed that we send Elder A. Outterbridge to the corresponding association 1929. Motion and agreed that we send Elder J. R. Barnes and Bro. T. Dupree to the Little River Association of Johnson County- Motion and agreed we send Elder Robt. Taylor to the Contentne Association of Wayne Co. N. C. 1929 Motion and agreed we send Elder J. R. Barnes and Bro. T. Dupree to the Cub Run Assn. of Va. 1930. Motion and agreed we send Elder W. J. Moore to Chestnut Knob and Piedmount Assn. of Va.

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MINISTERS TEXT—FRIDAY MORNING

Elder Moore sang hymn No. 492 and led in prayer after which he chose for his text 18th. chapter of Jeremiah, 6th. verse. Elder O. Little sang hymn No. 189 and chose for his text the 1st chapter of Jeremiah Elder Stewart was called to the stand and he used for his text 5th. chapter of Matthews. Elder Barnes sang hymn No. 293 and dismissed the people.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERMONS

Elder Little sang hymn No. 3, Elder Barnes prayed for the blessings upon the people. Elder Little chose for his text 2nd. chapter of Acts of the Apostles Elder Garner sang hymn No. 688 and preached from the same text. Elder Jones sang hymn No. 174 and chose for his text 3rd. chapter of Isaiah. Elder Barnes sang hymn No. 298 and Elder Outterbridge dismissed the people.

SATURDAY MORNING SERMONS

Bro Brown sang hymn No. 288 and led in prayer and chose for his text the 1st. chapter of St. John. Elder Jonah Bunch preached from the same subject. Elder Cherry sang hymn No. 38 and preached from the same subject, L. W. Kornegay sang hymn No. 190. chose for his text 14th. chapter of St. John and 6th. verse. Elder Barnes preached from the same subject and then sang hymn No. 618 and dismissed the congregation.

SATURDAY EVENING SERMONS

Elder Robert Taylor led in prayer and sang hymn No. 492, and chose for his text 40th. chapter of Isaiah, 1st. verse. Elder J. H. Jones sang hymn No. 474 and chose for text 5th. chapter of St. John. Elder E. L: Garner sang hymn No:353 and preached from the same subject Elder J. R. Barnes sang hymn No. 681 and dismissed the congregation

SUNDAY MORNING SERMONS

Elder J R. Barnes opened services by singing hymn No. 559. Elder Stewart prayed for the blessings of the Lord upon us. Elder J. J. Kegler sang hymn No. 188 and chose for his text 3rd. chapter of Revelation, 1st. verse. Elder W. Powell sang hymn No. 339 and preached from the same subject. Elder J. H. Jones sang hymn No. 433 and chose for his text 14th. chapter of St. John, 1st. verse. Elder E. T. Garner sang hymn No. 401 and preached from the same subject. Elder J. R. Barnes sang hymn No. 180 and preached from Isaiah, connecting with the above subject. Elder J. A. Cherry sang hymn No. 618. Elder J. R. Barnes sang hymn No. 626. Benediction by Elder Barnes.

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Radicue—1st. Sunday and Saturday before each month.
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Radicue	Pitt County	J. R. Barnes, Witson, Route 6	G. Spell	0	0	0	0	0	3	12
Harper	Edgecombe County	" " " " "	T. Dupree, D. Mayo	4	1	0	1	3	7	94
Savannah	" "	" " " " "	H. Staten, R. Harris	3	1	0	1	1	0	49
Cabin Level	Wilson County	W. Powell, 712 H en St., Rocky Mt.	W, Powell	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Pilgrim Rest	" "	J. R. Barnes, Wilson, Route 6	T. Dupree, D. Mayo	0	0	0	1	0	1	10
Mount Zion	Edgecombe County	E. B. Taylor, Rocky Mount		0		0	3	0	1	17
Plymouth	Washington Co.	Robert Taylor, Bethel		0	0	0	0	0	2	6
Art Willow	Wilson County	" " "		0	0	0	2	1	0	6
Mount Galillee	Edgecombe County	" " "	George Garrett	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Seven Spring	" "	J. R. Barnes, Wilson, Route 6	T. Dupree	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
Hopewell	Martin County	A. Outerbridge	A. Outerbridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

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PROCEEDINGS

of the

FIFTY-FIRST

ANNUAL SESSION

of the

RADICUE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

(colored)

HELD WITH

Pilgrim Rest Church

WILSON, N. C.

Commencing Friday Before the First Sunday in October 1931

ELDER J. R. BARNES, Moderator
ELDER W. POWELL, Clerk
BRO. R. L. CHANCE, Asst. Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The proceedings of the fifty-first Annual Session of the Radicue Primitive Baptist Association held with the Pilgrim Rest Church at Wilson, N. C., Wilson County, commencing Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1931, according to the adjournment of 1930 session. Elder J. R. Barnes was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, with Elder W. Powell alternate for the year of 1931. These Elders being present at the appointed time, Elder J. R. Barnes sang hymn No. 559 and prayer was offered by Elder W. J. Moore, after which Elder J. R. Barnes chose for his text 24th chapter of Genesis, first verse, and preached with an uplifted spirit, after which Elder W. Powell preached. Hymn No. 530. Elder L. C. Crawford came forward to the stand and preached, which made the hearts of the people rejoice exceedingly, after which the Association adjourned for a space of 45 minutes.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

The Association re-assembled, Elder J. R. Barnes, presided. Sang hymn No. 418 after which Elder A. Arterbridge offered prayer for the blessing of the Lord to be upon the Association, after which Elder J. R. Barnes read from the first Pslam of David, and announced the Association ready for business. On motion agreed that Elder J. R. Barnes be chosen for the Moderator of the Association, and Elder W. Powell for Association Clerk, Elder W. J. Moore, Assistant Clerk; Brother Henry Staten, Brother David Mayo, and Brother Richard Harris, Committee on Finance. On motion agreed that Elder J. R. Barnes and Brother Charlie Cooper be appointed as a committee on arrangement of preaching from day to day. They appointed Brother Warren Cooper, Brother Sherman Newton, and Elder Will Brown to the stand to preach. On motion, agreed to send Brother Charlie Davis and Brother Joe Joyner to record the minister's text. On motion agreed that the Corresponding Messengers

from sister Associations be invited to seats with us and form a part of the Conference, and make themselves at home. On motion agreed that the roll of churches be called. All responded. On motion agreed the Corresponding Messengers from sister Associations make their report. On motion agreed the letter from the Antioch Association be read. The Antioch Association of Georgia was represented by Elder W. Powell, by letters and minutes in peace and love desiring that their correspondence continue, which was received by the Moderator who extended the right hand of fellowship to the messenger. On motion agreed the letter from the Union Association of Georgia be read. The Moderator represented the Union Association of Georgia, who reported the Association in peace and love and desired to keep up friendly correspondence. The Mt. Ramah Association of Georgia, was not represented. The Mt. Olive Association of Georgia was not represented. On motion agreed the letter from the North Western Association, of Detroit, Michigan, be read. The Moderator represented the North Western Association with letter and minutes. North Eastern not represented.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Elder L. C. Crawford came forward and represented the Sandy Ridge Association and reported peace and love and a desire for their correspondence to continue with us and we with them and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Messenger. Brother J. Everett came forward with a file of minutes from the Little River Association representing love and peace. The next session will meet with Black River Grove, Harnett County, by the way of A. C. L. R. R. to Benson and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Messenger. Elder Jerrie Williams came forward from the Union Association of N. C., stating love and peace and a desire to keep up friendly corresponding with us and we with them, and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Messengers. Brother Robert Revish came forward from the Contentnea Association of N. C. with

a file of minutes represening love and peace and a desire to keep up friendly correspondence with us and we with them. Our next session will sit with Piney Grove, Fremont, N. C., and was received by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the Messenger. On motion agreed that Corresponding Letters be called for, received and read. On motion agreed petitionary letter be called for. There were none. On motion agreed church letters be called for. All were presented. On motion agreed we see where the next session of the Radicue Primitive Baptist Association will sit. Art Willow, Seven Springs, Radicue, and Harpers churches asked for the Association. It pleased the mind of the Association to give the next session to the Mount Galilee Church, Edgecombe County, 4 miles east of Rocky Mount, N. C., the year of 1932. On motion agreed Elder J. R. Barnes preach the Introductory Sermon, with Elder W. Powell, alternate. On motion agreed Moderator and Clerk prepare the circular letter. On motion agreed the Association adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Elder J. R. Barnes sang hymn No. 411. Benediction by Elder L. C. Crawford.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Services were opened at 9 o'clock by Elder J. R. Barnes by singing hymn No. 336. Prayer by L. C. Crawford, after which the Moderator announced the Association in order and ready for the transaction of business.

On motion agreed roll of churches be called. All responded. On motion agreed Friday's proceedings be read and adopted. On motion agreed we take up the unfinished business and that the treasurer make her report. She reported $1.50 in the treasury. On motion agreed the finance committee make their report. They reported churches not all up. On motion agreed that we appoint Messengers to visit sister Associations with whom we correspond. On motion agreed we correspond with the several Associations of Georgia by letters and minutes. On motion agreed we send Elder J. R. Barnes to the corresponding Associations of N. C. 1931, Elder J. J. Kegler to the Little

River Association of N. C., 1931, Elder W. Powell to the Contentnea Association of N. C., 1931, Elder A. Arterbridge to the Sandy Creek Association of N. C., 1931. Agreed on motion we send Elder W. J. Moore to the Cub Run Association of Virginia, 1932.

Agreed on motion we send Brother N. Spivey to the Union Association of N. C., 1932. Agreed on motion we correspond with the North Western Association of Detroit, Michigan, and the North Eastern Association of Hartford, Connecticut, with letters and minutes. Agreed on motion we correspond with the Good Hope Association of Texas, and the Mount Willow Association of Mississippi, with letters and minutes. Agreed on motion the circular letter be read and received. Agreed on motion the Radicue Association have 500 copies of minutes printed under the supervision of the Moderator and Clerk. Agreed on motion, the Rules of Decorum and Church Government and Abstracts of Principles be adopted in the minutes. Agreed on motion the Moderator pay off the indebtedness of the Association, and adjourn until 1932. Elder J. R. Barnes sang hymn No. 618, prayer by Elder W. J. Moore. Benediction by Elder L. C. Crawford.

ELDER J. R. BARNES, Moderator,
ELDER W. POWELL, Asso. Clerk.
ELDER W. J. MOORE Asst. Clerk.

FRIDAY EVENING

Services were opened by Brother Warren Cooper. Sang hymn No. 2 and led in prayer, after which he chose for his text, St. John, first chapter and first verse, after which Brother Sherman Newton preached from the same subject. Elder William Brown sang hymn No. 372, and chose for his text St. John 51 chapter and first verse. After preaching sang hymn No. 200. Benediction by Elder Jonah Bunch.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder J. R. Barnes opened services by singing hymn No. 372, prayer by Brother Willis Langley, after which Brother Warren Cooper sang hymn No. 147 and chose

for his text St. Matthews 17 chapter and first verse Brother Nathaniel Spivey sang hymn No. 88 and chose for his text St. John first chapter and first verse, after which Elder W. J. Moore sang hymn No. 76 and preached from St. John, 15 chapter and 16 verse. After which Elder L. C. Crawford sang hymn No. 606 and chose for his text Rev. 7th chapter, 1st verse. Elder J. R. Barnes sang hymn No. 411. Benediction by Elder W. Powell.

SATURDAY MORNING

Service was opened by Elder Jonah Bunch by singing hymn No 141, Prayer was offered after which Brother Ruffin Revish came forward and chose for his text 15th chapter of St. John and first verse, after which Elder Jonah Bunch preached from same subject after which J. J. Kegler came forward and sang hymn No. 530, chose for his text 15 chapt. St. John and fifth verse, after which Elder J. R. Barnes came forward and chose for his text 61st chapter of Isaiah and first verse. Elder J. R. Barnes sang hymn No. 615 and dismissed the congregation.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Service opened by Brother Servalia Worsly singing hymn No. 339, and Elder Thomas Bunch came forward and sang hymn No. 372, and Brother J. E. Everett led in prayer. Elder Bunch chose for his text St. John 15 chapter first verse, after which Elder W. Powell sang hymn No. 131 and preached from the same subject, after which Elder A. Arterbridge sang hymn No. 184, and used the same text. Then Elder J. R. Barnes sang hymn No. 298 and dismissed the congregation.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Services were opened by Elder J. R. Barnes singing hymn No. 606. Prayer by Brother Julius Calioun. Brother Warren Cooper chose for his text first chapter of St. John and 4th verse. Elder J. J. Kegler was called to the stand and preached from the same subject, after which Elder L. C. Crawford sang hymn No. 383

and chose for his text the 9th chapter of Amos and 13 verse, after which Elder J. R. Barnes sang hymn No. 618 and dismissed the congregation.

SUNDAY MORNING

Elder J. R. Barnes sang hymn No. 350, prayer by Brother Nathaniel Spivey after which Elder William Brown sang hymn No. 189, chose for his text St. John first chapter and first verse. After which Elder W. J. Moore sang hymn No. 42 and chose for his text St. Matthew, 3rd chapter 8 and 9 verse, after which Elder J. J. Kegler sang hymn No. 338 and preached from the same subject. Elder W. Powell sang hymn No. 393 and preached on the same subject after which Elder L. C. Crawford sang hymn No. 490 and chose for his text 15 chapter of the first Corinthians, first verse, after which Elder J. R. Barnes rose and spoke with an uplifted spirit and made the hearts of the people rejoice greatly and closed by singing hymn No. 618. Benediction by Elder J. R. Barnes.

CHURCHES MEETING DAYS EACH MONTH

Radicue—1st Sunday and Saturday before each month.

Harpers—4th. Sunday and Saturday before each month.

Savannah—2nd Sunday and Saturday before each month.

Cabin Level—1st Sunday and Saturday before each month.

Pilgrim Rest—3rd Sunday and Saturday before each month.

Mt. Zion—2nd Sunday and Saturday before each month.

Art Willow—3rd Sunday and Saturday before each month.

Mt. Galilee—1st Sunday and Saturday before each month.

Seven Springs—2nd Sunday and Saturday before each month.

Hopewell—2nd Sunday and Saturday before each month.

Plymouth Church—4th Sunday in each month and Saturday before.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder J. R. Barnes, ____ Wilson, N. C. Route 3, Box 24
" A. Auterbridge ____ Williamston, Route 2 Box 8
" Robert Taylor _____ Bethel, N. C.
" W. Powell, ___ Rocky Mt., N. C., 712 Henna St.
" J. A. Cherry _____ Hassell, N. C.
" Jerry William _____
" E. T. Gardner _____ Sylvester, Ga.
" J. H. Jones _____ Colloden, Ga.
" C. H. Stewart, __ Benson, N. C., Route 1, Box 49
" W. J. Moore,_____ Rocky Mount, N. C.
" H. M. Smith, _____ Forkland, N. C.
" J. J. Kegler, _____ Rocky Mount, N. C.
" William Brown _____ Bethel, N. C.
"L. C. Crawford __ Reidsville, N. C., Route 5 Box 95

LICENSED PREACHERS

Brother Nathaniel Spivey _____ Tarboro, N. C.
Brother Sherman Newton, _____ Forkland, N. C.
Brother Warren Cooper _____ Forkland, N. C.

DEACONS

Deacon G. L. Spell _____ Greenville, N. C.
" Henry Staten _____ Bethel, N. C.
" David Mayo _____ Stokes, N. C.
" J. E. Everett _____ Princeton, N. C.
" Rufus Chance _____ Bethel, N. C.
" Richard Harris _____ Conetoe, N. C.
" Joe Joyner __ Tarboro, N. C., Route 2, Box 67

QUARTERLY MEETING DAYS AND CHURCHES

Radicue first Sunday in March, June, September and December, and Saturday before.

Harpers, fourth Sunday in March, June, September, and December, and Saturday before.

Savannah, Second Sunday in March, June September and December, and Saturday before.

Cabin Level, First Sunday in January, April, July, and October and Saturday before.

Pilgrim Rest, Third Sunday in February, May, Aug. and November, and Saturday before.

Plymouth, Fourth Sunday in January, April, July and October, and Saturday before.

Mt. Zion, Second Sunday in February, May, August and November and Saturday before.

Art Willow, Third Sunday in January, April, July, and October, and Saturday before.

Mt. Galilee, First Sunday in February, May, August and November and Saturday before.

Seven Springs, Second Sunday in January, April, July, and October and Saturday before.

Hopewell, second Sunday in January, April, July and October and Saturday before.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Minutes of the 51st., annual session of the Radicue Primitive Baptist Association held with the Pilgrim Rest Church at Wilson, N. C., Wilson County.

Dear Beloved and Affectionate Brethren: It is again by the goodness of God that we are blessed to meet again in another association capacity and we truly believe that we are led by the spirit of God in the way of righteousness by faith. Brethren, stand fast together in the liberty and doctrine of Christ, and strive to continue our lovely corespondence one with the other. Now Brethren, while we are in different parts and scattered abroad will pray for each other and trust in the Lord, that God's righteousness may be spoken of throughout the whole world.

ELDER J. R. BARNES, Moderator
ELDER W. POWELL, Clerk
ELDER W. J. MOORE, Asst. Clerk.

RULES OF DECORUM AND CHURCH GOVERNMENT

Agreed to and Adopted by the Church of God at Radicue Meeting House, Friday before the First Sunday in August, 1876

Being dismissed by letter from Otter's Creek, Sparta, Tyson's Meeting House; having spent the day in Fasting and Prayer giving ourselves to Christ and to one another.

Article 1. That members comprising this church shall assemble themselves together at Radicue Meeting House the first Sunday in every month and the Saturday before unless prevented by unavoidable necessity. Heb. 10:12 "And not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is."

2. The members of the church shall meet in conference on Saturday before the first Sunday in each month. Acts 15:6. "And the Apostles and Elders came together to consider of this matter."

3. Conference shall be opened and closed with prayer or praise to Almighty God. 1 Tim. 2:1. "I exhort, therefore, that first of all prayer and intercession and giving of thanks be made for all men. 1 Thes. 1:17-18. Pray without ceasing, and in everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

4. The pastor of the church shall be Moderator or nominate one who is present, when absent the Conference shall appoint one and after the Conference shall be agreed. On motion visiting brethren from sister churches may be invited to take seats with us, Psalm 133:1. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preserve order and harmony in the Conference according to these rules or others which may be subsequently adopted. He shall fairly state every question, ascertain the majority and report accordingly. 1 Cor. 16:10. "Let everything be done decently and in order."

6. The Conference shall appoint a clerk, whose duty it shall be to record faithfully in a well bound book (purchased by the conference) all of their proceedings and to do and to perform all other such things as usually devolves upon such officers.

7. The members' names shall be enrolled distinctly, called over and a significant mark attached to their names which may be absent. Acts 1:15. "The number of their names together were about 120." When any member shall be absent three Conferences, it shall be the duty of the Clerk to give notice thereof to the church who thereupon shall order notice to be issued to the delinquent to be served by one of the deacons and upon which the Conference may take such measures as to them may appear consonant with brotherly love and gospel order. Heb. 10:25. "Not forsake the assembling together."

8. A door shall be opened for the admission of new members who before admission shall verbally relate their experience, and

when unanimous satisfaction is offered the church in Conference, that God has wrought a work of grace in their souls, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to give them the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the church. And said candidate shall after being baptized by immersion, become a members of the church, and not before. Peter 8:15. "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that ask you the reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." Matt. 28:19. "Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."

9. If any member of this church shall bring a complaint of a private trespass having been committed upon him by one of his brethren, before he shall have complied with the requisition of the great head of the church, prescribed in the 8th, chapter of Matthew the church shall disregard it and shall be deemed disorderly. "Whereof if thy brother trespass against thee, etc.

10. It shall be deemed disorder to any member of the church who shall speak illiberally of one of his brethren or otherwise than is laid down in the word before the recited chapter, 18th. of Matthew. "And who may join the world caluminating or traducing their character." Rom. 1:39. "Let love be without dissimulation." Gal. 6:12. "Brethren if a man be overtaken in fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself lest thou also be tempted." "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."

11. All public offences against morality shall be noted by the church publicly and the offenders dealt with according to gospel order. Matt. 5:16. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

12. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken under consideration of the Conference, unless withdrawn by the mover and making it open for discussion or debate, but one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator by the appellation of Brother Moderator, and when two or more shall arise at the same time, he shall decide without argument between them. 1 Cor. 14:40 "Let everything be done decently and in order."

13. Every query presented shall be thrice read before it is open for debate and it shall not be received unless a majority of those present occur in its reception and its decision a majority shall govern.

14. In all cases except in the admission of members into the church, a majority of those present shall govern whose decisions shall be final, except two-thirds of the members at the next Conference agreed to consider the matter and two-thirds shall so agree the subject matter shall again come before the Conference and this decision shall be final.

15. Implicit obedience shall be yielded to the decision of the Conference, but every member that is dissatisfied with the proceedings of the Conference shall express themselves before adjourning of the Conference and not thereafter. Rom. 13:1. "Let every soul be subject to a higher power."

16. The minutes of the Conference shall be read before it adjourns and all errors corrected.

17. The following are prohibited: Whispering or laughing during time of public speaking, with the appearance of wrath, or in a degrading manner, speaking more than 3 times without leave.

18. It shall be deemed disorderly in any member who openly and avowedly denies the fundamental doctrine contained in the church covenant and they shall be dealt with accordingly. Jude 1:3. "Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Be of one mind, how can two walk together except they be agreed.

19. As intemperance is one of the worst evils which can affect the members of any society, either civil or religious, and more especially the latter, it being in direct violation of the word of God, wounding the cause of Jesus Christ, hurting the feelings of the sober brethren and exposing the individual to commission of sin of the most abominable cast of character, we do declare and agree that when any member of this church shall so far forget what he owes to the great head of the church, to himself, the feeling of his brethren and to mortals and to well being of society generally as to get drunk and become known to the church, he shall be notified to attend our church Conference, and on failing to render entire satisfaction, to be considered as an excommunicant and not entitled to any privilege thereafter until such offender shall bring forth fruits meet for repentance. Matt. 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men," etc. The following amendment was adopted in Conference and read thus—"And we further agree and declare to be the duty of every member of this church, that when he knows of a member of this church getting drunk as above stated in this article to make it known to the church.

20. If upon issuing a notice to any delinquent member as is required by the 7th. Article of this Decorum, the Deacon returns "not to be found within the limits of the church," that the Conference shall then proceed as if the notice had been served.

21. A majority of the members of this church in Conference shall have power to alter or to amend any of the rules of this Decorum, which they have adopted for their government or to add any new rules which said majority may deem necessary.

Motion made and seconded and agreed that no church shall hold any member who will not pay an honest debt.

Motion made and seconded that we will not have nor hold members with us belonging to secret societies, Odd Fellows, Masons or Sunday School.

ABSTRACTS OF PRINCIPLES

We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only rules of faith and practice.

We believe in one Superior Eternal God, the creator and upholder of all beings and the disposer of all events, for there are three that bear record in heaven—the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one. John 2:5.

We believe in the total depravity and just condemnation of all the fallen race of Adam.

We believe in original sin and that the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted, regenerated, sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

We believe that the saints shall always perserve in grace and never finally fall away.

We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and the washing of the Sain't feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers in Jesus Christ are the only subjects entitled to these privileges.

We believe the mode of baptism is by immersing in water.

We believe that God chose his people in Christ Jesus before the world began.

We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of ordinances only such as are regularly baptized, called and come under the imposition of the hands presbyter.

We believe that none but regularly baptized members have the right to commune at the Lord's Table.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTORS	POST OFFICE	DELEGATES	Baptized	Prof. Faith	Rec. by Letter	Excommuni.	Restored	Deceased	Membership
Radicue	Pitt	J. R. Barnes	Wilson, N. C. R. 3 B. 24	G. L. Spell	0	0	0	0	0	1	9
Harper	Edgecombe	J. R. Barnes	Wilson, N. C. R. 3 B. 24	G. L. Spell, D. Mayo	6	0	0	4	4	4	98
Savannah	Edgecombe	J. R. Barnes	Wilson, N. C. R. 3 B. 24	H.Staten, R.Harris	0	0	0	0	1	1	51
Cabin Level	Wilson	W. Powell	712 Henna St., Ry. Mt., N. C.	W. Powell	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Pilgrim Rest	Wilson	J. R. Barnes	Wilson, N. C. R. 3 B. 24	G. L. Spell, D. Mayo	0	0	0	0	0	2	8
Mount Zion	Edgecombe	W. Powell	712 Henna St., Ry. Mt., N. C.	D. Mayo Joe Joyner	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Plymouth	Washington	Robert Taylor	Bethel, N. C.	James Carney	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
Art Willow	Wilson	Robert Taylor	Bethel, N. C.	C. & W. Cooper	2	0	1	0	0	0	8
Mount Galilee	Edgecombe	W. J. Moore	Rocky Mount, N. C.	W. J. Moore	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Seven Springs	Edgecombe	J. R. Barnes	Wilson, N. C. R. 3 B. 24	G. L. Spell	1	1	0	0	0	1	28
Hopewell	Martin	A. Arterbridge	Williamston, N. C.	A. Arterbridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

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Minutes

OF THE

Seventy-Sixth
Annual Session

OF THE

RADICUE

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Art Willow Church

PITT COUNTY, FAULKLAND, N. C.

OCTOBER 5, 6, 7,

1956

Next session convenes with Harper's Chapel Church, located in Edgecombe County, Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1957.

OFFICERS

ELDER WARREN COOPER ..... Moderator
ELDER J. H. MORNING ..... Alternate
ELDER G. W. THORPE ..... Clerk
DEACON E. W. BULLOCK ..... Assistant Clerk

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Proceedings

OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE RADICUE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Held with the Art Willow Church,
Pitt County, North Carolina,

Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1956.

The Association met in order with Elder W. Cooper presiding. He sang hymn 530 for opening. Prayer by Elder J. B. Lucas. Elder W. Cooper sang hymn 400 and read Heb 12. for instruction, and preached the Introductory Sermon. Elder J. H. Morning sang hymn 91, text Heb. 12:2. After this Elder W. Cooper dismissed the people for one hour.

FRIDAY EVENING, October 5, 1956.

The Association re-assembled with Elder W. Cooper presiding. He sang hymn 188. Prayer by Elder Carlson Walters. Elder J. H. Morning read part of John 10 for instruction.

On motion Elder Warren Cooper was chosen Moderator of this Association. On motion Elder J. H. Morning was chosen alternate of this Association. On motion Elder G. W. Thorpe was chosen Clerk of this Association. On motion Deacon E. W. Bullock was chosen Assistant Clerk. On motion Deacons Joe Joyner, Harry Bullock and George Battle was chosen to be the Finance Committee. On motion Deaocn Joe Joyner was chosen Association Treasurer. On motion Elder W. Cooper, Deacon J. L. Hart, was chosen a Committee on Preaching from day to day. On motion Brother Charlie Jones was chosen to record the ministers' texts from day to day. On motion delegates from sister Associations with whom we correspond be invited to take a seat with us and feel themselves to be at home. On motion Elder Miles Wooten, Elder Henry Cooper, Elder Savalia Worsley were sent to the stand to preach for the people. On motion corresponding delegates now make their report. The report was as follows:

Corresponding: Elder B. B. Exum, in peace and a file of Minutes.

Union: Elder Warren Melton, in peace and a file of Minutes.

Contentnea: Eld. Cutler Sauls, in peace aid a file of Minutes.

Little River: Elder James Stewart, in peace and a file of

Minutes.

Sandy Ridge: Elder Valley Hinton in peace and a file of Minutes.

Chestnut Knob: Eld. J. L. Wade, in peace and file of Minutes.

Roanoke: Elder J. J. Adams, in peace and file of Minutes.

Piedmont: Elder J. J. Adams, in peace and file of Minutes.

Bethlehem: Elder W.M.Weaver, in peace and file of Minutes.

Loving: Elder A. H. Humphrey, in peace and file of Minutes.

Cooper Grove. Not represented.

Mount Zion: Elder J. L. Wade, in peace and file of Minutes.

Long Branch: Deacon George Wimberly, in peace and love and a file of Minutes.

Cub Run: Elder Carlson Walters, in peace, without Minutes.

Mount Pleasant: Elder A. J. Munlin, in peace and file of Minutes.

Motion that all of the delegates be received. On motion corresponding letters was called for. There were none. On motion petitionary letters was called for. Deacon Tommie Dupree came with a letter from the St. John Church. On motion the delegate and letter was received to be a part of this Association.

Elder H. L. Bailey came forth from the North Eastern Association asking for correspondence with Radicue. On motion the matter was tabled for further consideration. On motion if no further business, conference will now adjourn until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock. Elder W. Cooper sang hymn 514 for closing. Benediction by Elder B. B. Exum.

ELDER WARREN COOPER, Moderator
ELDER J. H. MORNING, Alternate
ELDER G. W. THORPE, Clerk
DEACON E. W. BULLOCK, Assistant Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING, October 6, 1956.

The meeting was called to order with Elder W. Cooper presiding. He sang hymn 530 for opening. Prayer by Elder Warren Melton. Elder W. Cooper read Psalm 105 for instruction and gave some good teaching.

On motion church letters were called for, and received. On motion we set the place for the next Radicue Primitive Baptist

Association. On motion the next session will be with the Harpers Church in Edgecombe County, N. C., near Oak City highway. On motion Elder W. Cooper was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder J. H. Morning, alternate. On motion the Moderator and Clerk prepare the Circular Letter. On motion the roll of churches be called. They were present. On motion the roll of delegates be called. They were present. Elder Willie Maryland and Elder Willie Bullock were sent to the stand to preach for the people. On motion Friday's proceedings and Circular Letter were read and adopted. On motion we take up unfinished business. On motion St. John can have her choice of Brother Eddie Moore Staten for deacon. On motion ordination of Brother Staten take place tomorrow morning at nine o'clock. On motion the Finance Committee make its report. They reported all the churches up. On motion the report of the Finance Committee was received. On motion will appoint messengers to visit sister Associations with whom we correspond:

Corresponding: Elder W. Cooper for 1956.
Union: Elder Willie Carnie, 1957.
Contentnea: Elder Henry Cooper, 1956.
Little River: Elder Jim Wooten, 1956.
Sandy Ridge: Elder W. Cooper, 1956.
Bethlehem: Elder J. H. Morning, 1956.
Loving: Elder J. B. Lucas, 1957.
Chestnut Knob: Elder Savalia Worsley, 1957.
Roanoke: Elder J. H. Morning, 1957.
Piedmont: Elder Jim Wooten, 1957.
Mount Zion: Elder Savalia Worsley, 1957.
Cooper Grove: Elder W. Cooper, 1957.
Long Branch, Elder G. W. Thorpe, 1956.
Cub Run: Elder Charlie Bullock, 1957.
Mount Pleasant: Elder J. H. Morning, 1956.

On motion the Association Treasurer make his report. It was $25.62. On motion the Association have 800 copies of our Minutes printed by the Moderator, and Clerk. On motion the Finance Committee pay the indebtedness of the Association with the assistance of the Moderator. On motion the church

government, Rules of Decorum and Abstract of Principles be printed in the Minutes.

Elder H. L. Bailey came before us petitioning for new correspondence, and after a general discussion it was moved and seconded to table the matter for further consideration. After this, there were several good remarks made by the following Elders:

G. R. Stephen, Valley Hilton, A. J. Munlin, H. E. Smith, James D. Stewart, R. H. Martin, Frank Penn, J. L. Wade, J. H. Morning, Warren Cooper, and Deacon Joe Joyner.

It was moved and seconded if no further business, conference will close until October, 1957. Elder W. Cooper sang hymn 621 for closing. Prayer by Elder A. J. Munlin. Benediction by Elder H. E. Smith.

ELDER W. COOPER, Moderator
ELDER J. H. MORNING, Alternate
ELDER G. W. THORPE, Clerk
DEACON E. W. BULLOCK, Assistant Clerk.

PREACHING SERVICE

FRIDAY SESSION, October 5, 1956.

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 p. m., by Elder Savalia Worsley. He sang for opening hymn 288. Prayer offered by Brother Willie Staton. Elder Miles Wooten sang hymn 390, text Eph. 2:19. Elder Henry Cooper sang three verses of hymn 168, text Isa. 40:1. Elder Charlie Bullock sang hymn 76, text same. Closing hymn 506. Benediction by Elder Henry Cooper.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION, October 5, 1956.

Meeting called to order by Elder Warren Cooper who called Deacon J. L. Hart who gave a very inspiring talk on how we should live and treat each other. Opening hymn 153. Prayer offered by Deacon D. W. McCray of Mt. Pleasant Association. Then Elder J. J. Adams sang hymn 492, text Acts 4:12. Then Elder Carlson Waldon sang hymn 530, text Acts 4:12. Closing hymn 689. Benediction by Elder J. H. Morning.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION, October 6, 1956.

Meeting was called to order by Elder William Maryland. Opening hymn 400. Prayer offered by Brother Willie Staton. Hymn 200. Scripture reading Elder Maryland, John 1:1-5. Then Elder Willie Bullock sang two verses of hymn 35, text John 14:6. Then Elder Willie Carney used for a text Luke 10.42. Then Elder William Maryland used as a text, John 14:8, 9. Elder Cutler Sauls used text Luke 24:32. Then Elder John Pitt used text John 1:1. Closing hymn 507. Benediction by Elder H. E. Smith. . .

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, October 6, 1956.

Meeting called to order at 3 o'clock. Elder Savalia Worsley presiding. Hymn 144. Prayer offered by Deacon Will Haslip. Then Elder A. H. Humphrey sang hymn 393, text John 15:1. Then Elder Robert Revis chose for a text Matt. 16:18. Elder G. R. Stephen sang hymn 689, text Psa 108:1. Closing hymn 16. Benediction by Elder R. H. Martin.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION, October 6, 1956.

Meeting called to order at 7:30. Elder J. H. Morning presiding. Opening hymn 91. Prayer by Deacon Will Haslip. Then Elder Frank Penn sang hymn 38, text Rom. 8:1. Then Elder Vallie Hylton sang hymn 490 using no special text. Then Elder R. H. Martin used for a text, Zeph 3:12. Elder A. J. Munlin sang hymn 3, text Isa. 7:8. Closing hymn 270. Benediction by Elder H. E. Smith.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION, October 7, 1956.

Meeting called to order at 10 o'clock. Elder J. H. Morning presiding. Opening hymn 288. Prayer by Elder R. H. Martin. Then Elder Jimmie Wooten sang hymn 73, text John 14:6. Elder J. J. Adams, sang hymn 506, text Dan. 5:24, 25. Elder M. C. Waldon sang hymn 631, text, Dan. 5:24, 25. Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 530, text, Prov. 9:1. Elder A. J. Munlin sang hymn 396, text 2 Tim. 2:19. Elder J. D. Stewart used text 1 John 5:1. Elder H. E. Smith used text Jer. 6:16. Then Elder B. B. Exum, text John 14:6. Closing hymn 689. Benediction by Elder J. H. Morning.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from the churches	$432.50
From public collections	145.06
In the old treasury	230.75
Total paid out	$711.21
Balance in the treasury	197.10

CIRCULAR LETTER

This is the Seventy-Sixth session of the Radicue Primitive Association held with the Art Willow Church in Pitt County, N. C., beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1956.

The Lord has brought us safely through dangers seen and unseen. Dear brethren, let us stand fast in the liberty wherewith the Lord has made us free, and not be entangled with the yoke of bondage. Oh, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in peace. It is like the precious ointment upon the head of Aaron that ran down to the skirt of his garment. As the dews descend from the mountain of Zion where the Lord commanded the blessings.

Dear Brethren, pray for us that our faith fail not. Ministers and messengers from the east and from the west, who have brought us good news from afar. We desire to keep up friendly correspondence with all orderly Primitive Baptists. Brethren pray for us that our faith fail not and that God's righteousness may be spoken of throughout all the world.

ELDER W. COOPER, Moderator
ELDER J. H. MORNING, Alternate
ELDER G. W. THORPE, Clerk
DEACON E. W. BULLOCK, Assistant Clerk

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Warren Cooper, Greenville, N. C.
Elder Johnnie Morning, Hobgood, N. C.
Elder Dorsey Battle, 813 W. Thomas St., Rocky Mt., N. C.
Elder G. W. Thorpe, Box 7, Tarboro, N. C. Ph. 8256.
Elder J. B. Lucas, Rt. 1, Box 192, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Elder Joe Taylor, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder James Barrett, Bethel, N. C.
Elder Zeno Spell, 1204 Green St., Greenville, N. C.
Elder Charlie Bullock, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder Willie Powell, 712 Henna St., Rocky Mount, N. C.
Elder Sylvalia Worsley, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder Willie Carney, Hobgood, N. C.
Elder Henry Cooper, Conetoe, N. C.
Elder Julius Bess, Bethel, N. C.
Elder Willie Maryland, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Elder George Bullock, 619 11th St., N. E., Washington, D. C., Tel. No. LI 7-4146.
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Elder Miles Wooten, 900 St. John St., Tarboro, N. C.
Elder Willie Bullock, 643 Dale St., Hampton, Va.
Elder Jessie McNair, Walstonburg, N. C.

LICENSED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Brother Eddie Spells, Greenville, N. C.
Brother Thomas J. Dupree, 41915½ S. E. Washington, D. C.

DEACONS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Deacon Joe Joyner, Tarboro, N. C. Ph. 8658.
Deacon Harry Bullock, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Deacon Joe Battle, Rocky Mount, N. C. Ph. 24096.
Deacon Jimmie Teel, 713 Highland Ave., Rocky Mount, N. C.
Deacon Henry Mangum, Rocky Mount, N. C.
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Deacon Jasen Battle, Rt. 2, Box 27-A, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Deacon Eddie Bullock, Washington, N. C.
Deacon Tonnie Dupree, 1850 Benning Rd., N. E., Washington, D. C.
Deacon Jobie Jones, Bethel, N. C.
Deacon George Dickens, R. F. D. Tarboro, N. C.
Deacon Amos Wooten, St. John St., Tarboro, Ph. 3565.
Deacon David Mayo, 929 Long St., Rocky Mount, N. C.
Deacon Fred Lucas, Rt. 1, Box 121, Rocky Mt., N. C.
Deacon Willie Staton, Battleboro, N. C.
Deacon Elijah Pate, Fremont, N. C.
Deacon Elijah Pate. Fremont, N. C.
Deacon Eddie Moore Staton, Washington, D. C.

QUARTERLY MEETING DAYS AT CHURCHES

Radicue—First Sunday in March, June, September, December, and Saturday before.
Harpers—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December, and Saturday before.
Savannah—Second Sunday in March, June, September, December, and Saturday before.
Cabin Level—First Sunday in January, April, July, October, and Saturday before.
Pilgrim Rest—Third Sunday in February, May, August, November, and Saturday before.
Plymouth—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August, November, and Saturday before.
Mount Zion—Second Sunday in February, May, August, November, and Saturday before.
Art Willow—Third Sunday in January, April, July, October and Saturday before.
Mount Galilee—First Sunday in February, May, August, Nov., and Saturday before.
Seven Springs—Second Sunday in January, April, July, October and Saturday before.
Glorious Hope—Third Sunday in March, June, September, December, and Saturday before.
Stony Creek—First Sunday in March, June, September, December, and Saturday before.
Jericho—First Sunday in January, April, July, October and the Saturday before.
Spring Green—Third Sunday in January, April, July, October and Saturday before.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of our dearly beloved brothers and sisters who died in the faith, in the name of:

Brother Willie Kea, died March 17, 1956.
Deacon Willie Faulkland, died November 3, 1955.
Brother John Grimes, died July 21, 1956.
Sister Susis Handy, died May 20, 1956.
Sister Susie Plymouth, died April 25, 1956.
Sister Sudie Jenkins, died February, 1956.
Brother Ishman Cotton, died December 7, 1955.
Sister Martha Walston, died January 3, 1956.
Sister Ida Mercer, died Februray 9, 1956.
Sister Sarah Cotton, died 1956.
Sister Francis Laws, died March 23, 1956.
Sister Lillian Hyman, died October 1, 1956.
The memory of these lingers with us.

RULES OF DECORUM OF CHURCH GOVERNMENT

Being dismissed by letter from Otter's Creek, Sparta, Tyson's Meeting House, having spent the day in fasting and prayer, give ourselves to Christ and to one another.

1. That members comprising this church shall assemble themselves together at Radicue Meeting House the first Sunday in every month and the Saturday before unless prevented by unavoidable necessity. Heb. 10:12. "And not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is."

2. The members of the church shall meet in conference on Saturday before the first Sunday in each month. Acts 15:6. "And the Apostles and Elders came together to consider this matter."

3. Conference shall be opened and closed with prayer or praise to Almighty God. 1 Tim. 2:1. "I exhort therefore, that first of all prayer and intercession and giving of thanks be made for all men." 1 Thess. 1:17, 18. "Pray without ceasing, and in everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

4. The pastor of the church shall be Moderator or nominate one who is present, when absent the Conference shall appoint and and after the Conference shall be agreed. On motion visiting brethren from sister churches may be invited to take seats with us. Psa. 133:1. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preserve order and harmony in the Conference according to these rules or others which may be subsequently adopted. He shall fairly state every question, ascertain the majority and report accordingly. 1 Cor. 16:10. "Let everything be done decently and in order."

6. The Conference shall appoint a Clerk, whose duty it shall be to record faithfully in a well bound book (purchased by the conference) all of their proceedings and to do and perform all other such things as usually devolve upon such officers.

7. The members' names shall be enrolled distinctly, called over and a significant mark attached to their names which may be absent. Acts. 1:15. When any member shall be absent three conferences, it shall be the duty of the Clerk to give notice thereof to the church, who thereupon shall order notice to be issued to the delinquent to be served by one of the deacons and upon which the Conference may take such measure as to them may appear consonant with brotherly love and gospel order. Heb. 10:25. "Not forsake the assembling together."

8. A door shall be opened for admission of new members who before admission shall verbally relate their experience and when unanimous satisfaction is offered the church in Conference, that God has wrought a work of grace in their souls, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to give them the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the church. And said candidate, shall after being baptised by immersion, become a member of the church, and not before. Peter 3:15. "Be ready always to give an answer to ever man that asks you the reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." Matt. 28:19. "Baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

9. If any member of this church shall bring a complaint of a private trespass having been committed upon him by one of his brethren, before he shall have complied with requisition of the great Head of the church, prescribed in the 18th chapter of Matthew, the church shall disregard it and shall be deemed disorderly. "Whereof if thy

brothers trespass against thee." etc.

10. It shall be deemed disorder to any members of the church who shall speak illiberally of one of his brethren or otherwise than is laid down in the word before the recited chapter, 18th of Matthew. "And who may join the world calumniating or traducing their characters." Rom. 1:39. "Let love be without dissimulation." Gal. 6:12. " Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself lest thou also be tempted." "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.'"

11. All public offenses against morality shall be noted by the church publicly and the offenders dealt with according to gospel order. Matt. 5:16: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

12. Every motion made and seconded, shall be taken under consideration of the Conference, unless withdrawn by the mover and making it open for discussion or debate, but one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator by the appellation of Brother Moderator, and when two or more shall rise at the same time, he shall decide without argument before them. 1 Cor. 14:40: "Let everything be done decently and in order."

13. Every query presented shall be thrice read before it is open for debate and it shall not be received unless a majority of those present concur in its reception and its decision a majority shall govern.

14. In all cases, except in the admission of members into the church a majority of those present shall govern whose decisions shall be final, except two-thirds of the members at the next Conference agree to consider the matter and two-thirds shall so agree the subject matter shall again come before the Conference and this decision shall be final.

15. Implicit obedience shall be yielded to the decision of the Conference, but every member that is dissatisfied with the proceedings of the Conference shall express themselves before adjourning of the Conference and not thereafter. Rom. 13:1. "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers."

16. The minutes of the Conference shall be read before it adjourns and all errors corrected.

17. The following are prohibited: Whispering or laughing during time of public speaking, with the appearance of wrath, or in a degrading manner, speaking more than three times without leave.

18. It shall be deemed disorderly in any member who openly and avowedly denies the fundamental doctrine contained in the church covenant and they shall be dealt with accordingly. Jude 1:3: "Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." "Be of one mind, how can two walk together except they be agreed."

19. As intemperance is one of the worst evils which can affect the members of any society, either civil or religious, and more especially the latter in direct violation of the word of God, wounding the cause of Jesus generally, as to get drunk and become known to the church, he shall be notified to attend our church Conference, and on failing to render entire satisfaction, to be considered as an excommunicant and not entitled to any privilege thereafter until such offender shall bring forth fruit meet for repentance. Matt. 5:16. "Let your light so shine before men," etc. The following amendment to the above article was adopted in Conference and read thus:—"And we further

agree and declare to be the duty of every member of this church, that when he knows of a member of this church getting drunk as above stated in this article to make it known to the church."

20. If upon issuing a notice to any delinquent member as is required by the 7th Article of the Decorum, the Deacon return "Not to be found within the limits of the church," that the Conference shall then proceed as if the notice had been served.

21. A majority of the members of this church in Conference shall have power to alter or to amend any of the rules of this Decorum, which they have adopted for their government or to add any new rules which said majority may deem necessary.

Motion made and seconded and agreed that no church shall hold any member who will not pay an honest debt.

Motion made and seconded that we will not have nor hold members with us belonging to secret societies, Odd Fellows, or Masons.

Moved and seconded that we will not establish a church within five miles of any church in the Radicue Association, nor any with which we correspond.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in one Superior Eternal God, the creator and upholder of all beings and the disposer of all events, for there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one. John 2:5.

4. We believe in the total depravity and just condemnation of all the fallen race of Adam.

5. We believe in original sin and that the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted, regenerated, sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

6. We believe that the saints shall always persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

7. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saint's feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers in Jesus Christ are the only subjects entitled to these privileges.

8. We believe the mode of baptism is by immersing in water.

9. We believe that God chose His people in Christ Jesus before the world began.

10. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of ordinances only such as are regularly baptised, called and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

11. We believe that none but regularly baptised members have the right to commune at the Lord's Table.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTOR	POST OFFICE	DELEGATES	Sun. of Meetings	Rec'd. by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Ltr.	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
Radicue	Pitt	Z. W. Spell	1204 Green St., Greenville	A. Wooten	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	$4.00
Harper	Edgecombe	Joe Taylor	Tarboro	J. Jones, D. Mayo	4	..	..	..	..	..	3	81	96.00
Little Savannah	Edgecombe	J. H. Morning .	Hobgood	G. R. Dicken, R. Shaw	2	7	..	..	1	..	1	62	80.00
Cabin Level ..	Wilson	Jimmie Wooten	Fountain	Joe Joyner, E. Pate ...	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	3.00
Pilgrim Rest .	Wilson	John Morning ..	Hobgood	E. Pate, B. Baines	3	1	..	..	..	..	1	13	19.50
Mount Zion ..	Edgecombe	Warren Cooper	Fountain	Joe Joyner, A. Wooten	2	2	..	..	..	1	6	40	52.50
Plymouth	Washington	John Morning .	Hobgood	A. Wooten, S. McCain .	4	2	..	..	..	..	1	5	8.50
Art Willow ...	Pitt	Warren Cooper	Fountain	Amos Wooten	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	35.00
Mount Galilee .	Edgecombe	W. Carney	Fountain	H. Bullock, H. Mangum	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	31.00
Seven Springs .	Edgecombe	Dorsey Battle ..	Rocky Mount	Joe Battle Jim Tell ...	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	20	31.50
Glorious Hope	Edgecombe	James Barrett .	Bethel	G. Battle, W. Staten ..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	14	18.50
Stony Creek ..	Nash	Dorsey Battle ..	Rocky Mount	J. L. Hart, Jason Battle	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	26.00
Jericho	Beaufort ..	Warren Cooper	Fountain	E. W. Bullock, D. Mayo	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	9.50
Spring Green .	Nash	J. B. Lucas	Rocky Mount	Fred Lucas, C. Jones...	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	20	31.50
St. John	Wash. D. C.	M. C. Walters ..	Washington, D. C.	Tom Dupree	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	6	9.00

Minutes

OF THE

Seventy-Seventh
Annual Session
OF THE

RADICUE

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Harper's Church

EDGECOMBE COUNTY, N. C.
OCTOBER 4, 5, 6,

1957

Next session convenes with Little Savannah Church, about ten miles south of Tarboro, one mile from Hwy. 43 between Coneto and Pinetop, Friday before first Sunday, Oct. 1958.

OFFICERS

ELDER WARREN COOPER ..... Moderator
ELDER J. H. MORNING ..... Alternate
ELDER G. W. THORPE ..... Clerk
DEACON E. W. BULLOCK ..... Assistant Clerk

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Proceedings

OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE RADICUE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with The Harper's Church, Edgecombe County, North Carolina Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1957.

The Association met in order with Elder W. Cooper presiding. He sang hymn 400 for opening, prayer by Elder Jennie Callier, Elder W. Cooper sang hymn 382. Read Hebrews 9 for instruction and preached the introductory sermon. Elder J. H. Morning sang hymn 91 and preached the alternate sermon; after this the Moderator dismissed the people for one hour.

FRIDAY EVENING, October 4, 1957.

The Association reassembled with Elder W. Cooper presiding. He sang hymn 185, prayer by Deacon Russel Harris. Elder W. Cooper read the first chapter of Hebrews for instruction.

On motion Elder Warren Cooper was chosen Moderator of this Association. O nmotion, Elder J. H. Morning was chosen Alternate of this Association. On motion, Elder G. W. Thorpe was chosen Clerk of this Association. On motion, Deacon E. W. Bullock was chosen Assistant Clerk. On motion, Deacon J. L. Hart was chosen Association Deacon. On motion, Deacon Jobie Jones was chosen Assistant Association Deacon. On motion, Deacons J. L. Hart, Harry Bullock, George Battle were chosen a Finance Committee. On motion, Deacon J. L. Hart be chosen Treasurer of this Association. On motion, Deacon Fred Lucas be chosen Trustee of this Association. On motion, Elder Warren Cooper and Deacon Jobie Jones, Deacon Elizah Pate be chosen a Committee on Preaching from day to day.

On motion, Brother Charlie Jones be sent to the stand to record the minutes from day to day. On motion, delegates from sister associations with whom we correspond be invited to take a seat with us in business of conference and feel themselves at home. On motion Elders Jesse McNair, Henry Cooper and W. M. Maryland be sent to the stand to preach for the people. On motion, corresponding delegates now make their report.

Corresponding: Elder B. B. Exum stating peace and love, and a file of minutes.

Union: Elder Fred Dealy stating peace and love, and a file of minutes.

Contentnea: Elder Earl Holt in peace and love and a file of minutes.

Little River: Elder Lawrence Bethea in peace and love and a file of minutes.

Sandy Ridge: Elder William Hilton in peace and love and a file of minutes.

Chestnut Knob: Elder Earley Stockton in peace and love and a file of minutes.

Roanoke: Elder J. B. McLawn in peace and love and a file of minutes.

Piedmont: Elder T. E. Claytor in peace and love, and a file of minutes.

Bethlehem: Elder Levi Hill in peace and love and a file of minutes.

Loving: Elder Golden Pollard in peace and love and a file of minutes.

Cooper's Grove: Elder Erwin Moore in peace and love and a file of minutes.

Mount Zion: Elder S. P. Claytor in peace and love and a file of minutes.

Long's Branch: Elder James Dickens in peace and love and a file of minutes.

Cub Run: Elder Carlson Walters in peace and love and a file of minutes.

Mount Pleasant: No delegate.

Tar River: Elder Richard Anderson in peace and love and a file of minutes.

On motion, all of these delegates were received by the Moderator giving to them the right hand of fellowship.

On motion, corresponding letters were called for; a letter came from Elder H. E. Smith of the Mount Pleasant Association, stating peace and love.

It was motioned to table the letter until further consideration.

On motion, petitionary letters were called for; there were none.

On motion, church letters were called for and were received.

On motion, we set the place for the next Radicue Association.

On motion the next session will be with the Little Savannah Church, about ten miles south of Tarboro, one mile from highway 43 between Coneto and Pinetop.

On motion, Elder W. Cooper was chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Elder J. H. Morning alternate.

On motion the Moderator and Clerk prepare the Circular Letter.

On motion, if no further business, conference will adjourn until 9:00 o'clock Saturday mornnig. Elder W. Cooper arose and sang hymn 505, benediction by Elder J. J. Adams

ELDER W. COOPER, Moderator
ELDER J. H. MORNING, Alternate
ELDER G. W. THORPE, Clerk
DEACON E. W. BULLOCK, Assistant Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION, October 5, 1957.

The meeting was called to order with Elder W. Cooper presiding. He arose and sang hymn 433 for opening. Prayer by Elder T. T. Claytor, Elder J. H. Morning arose and read part of the Eighth chapter of St. John for instruction, and made some brief remarks.

On motion, the roll of churches was called. They were all present. On motion, the roll of delegates was called. On motion, Friday's proceedings wre read and Circular Letter was read and adopted. On motion, we take up unfinished business. On motion, the Finance Committee make its report. They reported all churches were up. On motion, the report of the Finance Committee was received:

The Committee on Preaching sent Elder Miles Wooten and Elder Charley Bullock to the stand to preach for the people.

On motion, we appoint messengers to visit sister associations with whom we correspond.

Corresponding: Elder W. Cooper, 1957.
Union: Elder Jesse McNair, 1958.
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Little River: Elder Sylvalia Worsley, 1957.

Sandy Ridge: Elder J. H. Morning, 1957.
Bethlehem: Elder Willie Connie, 1957.
Roanoke: Elder W. Cooper, 1958.
Piedmont: Elder W. Cooper, 1958.
Chestnut Knob: Elder J. H. Morning, 1958.
Mount Zion: Elder J. H. Morning, 1958.
Loving: Elder Henry Cooper, 1958.
Cooper's Grove: Elder J. H. Morning, 1958.
Long's Branch: Elder G. W. Thorpe, 1957.
Cub Run: Elder W. Cooper, 1958.
Tar River: Elder G. W. Thorpe, 1957.

On motion, the Association Treasurer make his report. Nothing in the Treasury. On motion the report was received.

On motion, the Association have 800 copies of our minutes printed with Moderator and Clerk superintending the printing.

On motion, the Finance Committee pay off the indebtedness of the Association with the assistance of the Moderator.

On motion, the Church Government, Rules of Decorum, and Abstract of Principles be printed in the minutes.

After this, there were several good remarks made by the Elders J. H. Morning, A. J. Munlin, W.Cooper, Savalia Worsley, S. P. Claytor, J. B. McLawn, Earnest Stockton, M. C. Carson, Walters, William Hilton, Lawrence Bethea, Eugene Callier, Ervin Moore, Levi Hill, Earl Holt, B. B. Exum, Fred Dealy, Richard Anderson, and also Deacon J. L. Hart.

On motion, if no further business, conference will close until October, 1958.

Elder W. Cooper arose and sang the closing hym, 618, and gave benediction.

ELDER W. COOPER, Moderator
ELDER J. H. MORNING, Alternate
ELDER G. W. THORPE, Clerk
DEACON E. W. BULLOCK, Assistant Clerk

PREACHING SERVICE

FRIDAY SESSION, October 4, 1957.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m., by Elder William H. Maryland. He sang for opening hymn 435. Prayer offered by Brother Willie Staton. Scripture reading from first chapter of St. John. Elder Jesse McNair sang one verse of hymn 375, text St. John 1:1. Elder Henry Cooper sang hymn 38, text Isa. 1:1. Elder Gene Callier san hymn 76, text, Heb. 11:1; closing hymn 506. Benediction by Elder J. H. Morning.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION, October 4, 1957.

Meeting called to order by Elder J. H. Morning. Opening hymn 73. Prayer by Brother J. H. Hussey. Elder Willie Carney sang hymn 288, text St. John 11:6. Elder William Hilton sang hymn 382, text, St. Matt. 25:14 Elder Lester Blow sang hymn 18, text, Jonah 1:3. Elder Early Stockton sang hymn 334, text Matt. 18:1. Elder J. J. Adams sang hymn 353, text, 1 Peter 1:4. Closing hymn "Down by the River of Jordan." Benediction by Elder T. E. Claytor.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION, October 5, 1957.

Meeting called to order by Elder W. H. Maryland at 10:45 a. m. Opening hymn 435. Prayer offered by Brother Willie Staton. Scripture reading Gen. 1:1-10. Elder Miles Wooten arose, text Dan. 6:24. Elder Charlie Bullock sang two verses of hymn 144, text Psalms 90:1. Elder John Pitt, text Gen. 1:1. Elder Steve Woodard hymn 334, text Psalms 27:1. Closing hymn 353. Benediction by Elder J. B. McLaughlin.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION, October 5, 1957.

Meeting called to order by Elder Warren Cooper 2:50 p.m., sang hymn 353. Prayer offered by Brother Rufus Stockton. Elder Golden Pollard sang hymn 76, text 1 John 3:1. Elder Fred Dealy used text, St. John 1:1. Elder Richard Anderson sang hymn 508, text, Psalms 90:1. Closing hymn 188. Benediction by Elder Calton Walton.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION, October 5, 1957.

Meeting called to order by Elder J. H. Morning, 7:30 p. m. Opening hymn 188. Prayer by Brother N. M. Tatum. Elder Sylvalia Worsley sang 3 verses of hymn 144. He used no special text. Elder J. B. McLanghan sang hymn 284, text St. John 17:1. Elder T. E. Claytor sang two verses of hymn 284, text Gal. 6:8. Elder Levi Hill sang hymn 530, text 2 Peter 1:17. Elder S. P. Claytor sang hymn 38, text Rev. 1:10. Closing hymn 506. Benediction by Elder T. E. Claytor.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION, October 6, 1957.

Meeting called to order by Elder W. Cooper 10:20 a. m. Opening hymn 397. Prayer by Brother U. S. Hart. Elder Lawrence Bethea arose and used no special text. Elder Earl Holt sang one verse of hymn 364, text Rev. 22:16. Elder William Hilton, text, St. John 14:1. Elder Levi Hill sang hymn 530, text, St. John 7:46. Elder Early Stockton sang hymn 631, St. John 14:6, Matt. 16:24. Elder T. E. Claytor sang hymn 400, text Psalms 17:14. Elder B. B. Exum, text St. John 11:25. Elder J. B. McLaughn sang hymn 613, text Psalms 25:20. Elder S. P. Claytor sang hymn 249, text Isaiah 38:1. Elder J. H. Morning, text, St. John 15:1. Closing hymn 691. Benediction by Elder Warren Cooper.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Received from the churches	$407.75
Public collections	159.91
Total	$567.76
Paid out	$429.93
Total balance in treasury	$137.73

CIRCULAR LETTER

This is the Seventy-Seventh Annual Session of the Radicue Primitive Baptist Association held with the Harper's Church in Edgecombe County, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1957. The Lord has brought us safely through dangers seen and unseen. Dear Brethren, let us stand fast in the liberty wherewith the Lord made us free and not be entangled with the yoke of bondage. Oh how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in peace. It is like the precious ointment upon the head of Aaron that ran down to the skirt of his garment as the dew descended from the mountain of Zion where the Lord commanded the blessing. Dear Brethren, pray for us that our faith fail not; ministers and messengers from the East and from the West who have brought us good news from afar. We desire to keep up friendly correspondence with all orderly Primitive Baptists. Brethren, pray for us that our faith fail not and that God's righteousness may be spoken of throughout all the world.

ELDER W. COOPER, Moderator
ELDER J. H. MORNING, Alternate
ELDER G. W. THORPE, Clerk
DEACON E. W. BULLOCK, Assistant Clerk

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Warren Cooper, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder Johnnie Morning, Hobgood, N. C.
Elder Dorsey Battle, 813 W. Thomas St., Rocky Mt., N. C.
Elder G. W. Thorpe, Box 7, Tarboro, N. C. Ph. 8256.
Elder J. B. Lucas, Rt. 1, Box 192, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Elder Joe Taylor, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder Zeno Spell, 1204 Green St., Greenville, N. C.
Elder Charlie Bullock, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder Willie Powell, 712 Henna St., Rocky Mount, N. C.
Elder Sylvalia Worsley, R. 1, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder Willie Carney, Hobgood, N. C.
Elder Henry Cooper, Conetoe, N. C.
Elder Julius Bess, Bethel, N. C.
Elder Willie Maryland, Rocky Mount, N. C.
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Elder Willie Bullock, 643 Dale St., Hampton, Va.
Elder Jessie McNair, Plymouth, N. C.

LICENSED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Brother Eddie Spells, Greenville, N. C.
Brother Thomas J. Dupree, 41915½ S. E. Washington, D. C.

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Deacon Jimmie Teel, 713 Highland Ave., Rocky Mount, N. C.
Deacon Henry Mangum, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Deacon Jasen Battle, Rt. 2, Box 27-A, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Deacon Eddie Bullock, Washington, N. C.
Deacon Tonnie Dupree, 1850 Benning Rd., N. E., Washington, D. C.
Deacon Jobie Jones, Bethel, N. C.
Deacon George Dickens, R. F. D. Tarboro, N. C.
Deacon Amos Wooten, St. John St., Tarboro, Ph. 3565.
Deacon David Mayo, 929 Long St., Rocky Mount, N. C.
Deacon Fred Lucas, Rt. 1, Box 121, Rocky Mt., N. C.
Deacon Willie Staton, Battleboro, N. C.
Deacon Elijah Pate, Fremont, N. C.
Deacon Eddie Moore Staton, Washington, D. C.
Deacon McCanie Vines, Hobgood, N. C.

QUARTERLY MEETING DAYS AT CHURCHES

Radicue—First Sunday in March, June, September, December, and Saturday before.
Harpers—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December, and Saturday before.
Savannah—Second Sunday in March, June, September, December, and Saturday before.
Cabin Level—First Sunday in January, April, July, October, and Saturday before.
Pilgrim Rest—Third Sunday in February, May, August, November, and Saturday before.
Plymouth—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August, November, and Saturday before.
Mount Zion—Second Sunday in February, May, August, November, and Saturday before.
Art Willow—Third Sunday in January, April, July, October and Saturday before.
Mount Galilee—First Sunday in February, May, August, Nov., and Saturday before.
Seven Springs—Second Sunday in January, April, July, October and Saturday before.
Glorious Hope—Third Sunday in March, June, September, December, and Saturday before.
Stony Creek—First Sunday in March, June, September, December, and Saturday before.
Jericho—First Sunday in January, April, July, October and the Saturday before.
Spring Green—Third Sunday in January, April, July, October and Saturday before.
Saint John—First Sunday in March, June, September, December and Saturday before.

— MEMORIAL —

In memory of our dearly beloved brethren and sisters who died in the faith, by the names of:

Deacon Job Joyner, died June 20, 1957.
Sister Effie Forman, died January, 1957.
Sister Annie L. Knight, died January, 1957.
Sister Cary Allen, died August, 1957.
Sister Ada Glass, died September 3, 1957.
Sister Annie R. James, died January 18, 1957.

The memory of these lingers with us.

Note: The Roanoke Association convenes with Smithfield Church in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, seven miles north of Chatham, Virginia, Highway 29, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1958.

RULES OF DECORUM OF CHURCH GOVERNMENT

Being dismissed by letter from Otter's Creek, Sparta, Tyson's Meeting House, having spent the day in fasting and prayer, give ourselves to Christ and to one another.

1. That members comprising this church shall assemble themselves together at Radicue Meeting House the first Sunday in every month and the Saturday before unless prevented by unavoidable necessity. Heb. 10:12. "And not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is."

2. The members of the church shall meet in conference on Saturday before the first Sunday in each month. Acts 15:6. "And the Apostles and Elders came together to consider this matter."

3. Conference shall be opened and closed with prayer or praise to Almighty God. 1 Tim. 2:1. "I exhort therefore, that first of all prayer and intercession and giving of thanks be made for all men." 1 Thess. 1:17, 18. "Pray without ceasing, and in everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

4. The pastor of the church shall be Moderator or nominate one who is present, when absent the Conference shall appoint and and after the Conference shall be agreed. On motion visiting brethren from sister churches may be invited to take seats with us. Psa. 133:1. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preserve order and harmony in the Conference according to these rules or others which may be subsequently adopted. He shall fairly state every question, ascertain the majority and report accordingly. 1 Cor. 16:10. "Let everything be done decently and in order."

6. The Conference shall appoint a Clerk, whose duty it shall be to record faithfully in a well bound book (purchased by the conference) all of their proceedings and to do and perform all other such things as usually devolve upon such officers.

7. The members' names shall be enrolled distinctly, called over and a significant mark attached to their names which may be absent. Acts.

1:15. When any member shall be absent three conferences, it shall be the duty of the Clerk to give notice thereof to the church, who thereupon shall order notice to be issued to the delinquent to be served by one of the deacons and upon which the Conference may take such measure as to them may appear consonant with brotherly love and gospel order. Heb. 10:25. "Not forsake the assembling together."

8. A door shall be opened for admission of new members who before admission shall verbally relate their experience and when unanimous satisfaction is offered the church in Conference, that God has wrought a work of grace in their souls, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to give them the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the church. And said candidate, shall after being baptised by immersion, become a member of the church, and not before. Peter 3:15. "Be ready always to give an answer to ever man that asks you the reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." Matt. 28:19. "Baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

9. If any member of this church shall bring a complaint of a private trespass having been committed upon him by one of his brethren, before he shall have complied with requisition of the great Head of the church, prescribed in the 18th chapter of Matthew, the church shall disregard it and shall be deemed disorderly. "Whereof if thy brothers trespass against thee." etc.

10. It shall be deemed disorder to any members of the church who shall speak illiberally of one of his brethren or otherwise than is laid down in the word before the recited chapter, 18th of Matthew. "And who may join the world caluminating or traducing their characters." Rom. 1:39. "Let love be without dissimulation." Gal. 6:12. " Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself lest thou also be tempted." "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.'"

11. All public offenses against morality shall be noted by the church publicly and the offenders dealt with according to gospel order. Matt. 5:16: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

12. Every motion made and seconded, shall be taken under consideration of the Conference, unless withdrawn by the mover and making it open for discussion or debate, but one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator by the appellation of Brother Moderator, and when two or more shall rise at the same time, he shall decide without argument before them. 1 Cor. 14:40: "Let everything be done decently and in order."

13. Every query presented shall be thrice read before it is open for debate and it shall not be received unless a majority of those present concur in its reception and its decision a majority shall govern.

14. In all cases, except in the admission of members into the church a majority of those present shall govern whose decisions shall be final, except two-thirds of the members at the next Conference agree to consider the matter and two-thirds shall so agree the subject matter shall again come before the Conference and this decision shall be final.

15. Implicit obedience shall be yielded to the decision of the Conference, but every member that is dissatisfied with the proceedings of the Conference shall express themselves before adjourning of the Conference and not thereafter. Rom. 13:1. "Let every soul be subject

unto the higher powers."

16. The minutes of the Conference shall be read before it adjourns and all errors corrected.

17. The following are prohibited: Whispering or laughing during time of public speaking, with the appearance of wrath, or in a degrading manner, speaking more than three times without leave.

18. It shall be deemed disorderly in any member who openly and avowedly denies the fundamental doctrine contained in the church covenant and they shall be dealt with accordingly. Jude 1:3: "Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." "Be of one mind, how can two walk together except they be agreed."

19. As intemperance is one of the worst evils which can affect the members of any society, either civil or religious, and more especially the latter in direct violation of the word of God, wounding the cause of Jesus generally, as to get drunk and become known to the church, he shall be notified to attend our church Conference, and on failing to render entire satisfaction, to be considered as an excommunicant and not entitled to any privilege thereafter until such offender shall bring forth fruit meet for repentance. Matt. 5:16. "Let your light so shine before men," etc. The following amendment to the above article was adopted in Conference and read thus:—"And we further agree and declare to be the duty of every member of this church, that when he knows of a member of this church getting drunk as above stated in this article to make it known to the church."

20. If upon issuing a notice to any delinquent member as is required by the 7th Article of the Decorum, the Deacon return "Not to be found within the limits of the church," that the Conference shall then proceed as if the notice had been served.

21. A majority of the members of this church in Conference shall have power to alter or to amend any of the rules of this Decorum, which they have adopted for their government or to add any new rules which said majority may deem necessary.

Motion made and seconded and agreed that no church shall hold any member who will not pay an honest debt.

Motion made and seconded that we will not have nor hold members with us belonging to secret societies, Odd Fellows, or Masons.

Moved and seconded that we will not establish a church within five miles of any church in the Radicue Association, nor any with which we correspond.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in one Superior Eternal God, the creator and upholder of all beings and the disposer of all events, for there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one. John 2:5.

4. We believe in the total depravity and just condemnation of all the fallen race of Adam.

5. We believe in original sin and that the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted, regenerated, sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

6. We believe that the saints shall always persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

7. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saint's feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers in Jesus Christ are the only subjects entitled to these privileges.

8. We believe the mode of baptism is by immersing in water.

9. We believe that God chose His people in Christ Jesus before the world began.

10. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of ordinances only such as are regularly baptised, called and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

11. We believe that none but regularly baptised members have the right to commune at the Lord's Table.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	PASTORS	POSTOFFICE	DELEGATES	Sun. of Meeting	Rec. by Baptism	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis'd. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
Radicue	Pitt	Z. W. Spell	1204 Green St., Gr'vlle	A. Wooten, J. Jones	1							6	$6.00
Harper	Edgecombe	Joe Taylor	Tarboro, N. C.	J. Jones, D. Mayo	3	1				1	2	81	80.00
Little Savannah	Edgecombe	J. H. Morning	Hobgood, N. C.	G. Dickens, R. Shaw	2						1	59	67.75
Cabin Level	Wilson	Jimmie Wooten	Fountain, N. C.	E. Pate, G. Dickens	1							3	1.50
Pilgrim Rest	Wilson	John Morning	Hobgood, N. C.	E. Pate, F. Baine	3							13	15.00
Mount Zion	Edgecombe	Warren Cooper	Tarboro, N. C.	A. Wooten, G. Pitman	2	2						38	49.50
Plymouth	Washington	John Morning	Hobgood, N. C.	A. Wooten, S. McNair	4						1	4	7.00
Art Willow	Pitt	Warren Cooper	Tarboro, N. C.	A. Wooten, C. Vines	3	1				1		25	36.00
Mount Galilee	Edgecombe	W. Carney	Hobgood, N. C.	B. Bulock, M. Mangum	1	1						22	31.00
Seven Springs	Edgecombe	Dorsey Battle	Rocky Mt., N. C.	J. Battle, J. Teel	2				2		3	26	27.50
Glorious Hope	Edgecombe	James Barrett	Bethel, N. C.	G. Battle, W. Staton	3							13	20.00
Stony Creek	Nash	Dorsey Battle	Rocky Mt., N. C.	J. Hart, J. Battle	1							16	26.00
Jericho	Beaufort	Warren Cooper	Tarboro, N. C.	E. Bulock, D. Mayo	1							6	9.50
Spring Green	Nash	J. B. Lucas	Rocky Mt., N. C.	F. Lucas, C. Jones	3							9	15.00
St. John		M. Walton	Washington, D. C.	T. Dupree, J. Hussey	1	1	6					13	19.50

Minutes

OF THE

Seventy-Ninth
Annual Session

OF THE

Radicue

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Pilgrim's Rest Church

IN WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 2, 3, and 4,

1959

Next session convenes with the Seven Springs Church, in Rocky Mount, N. C., on the corner of East Grand and Myrtle Avenue, Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1960

— OFFICERS —

ELDER WARREN COOPER - Moderator, Tarboro, N. C.

ELDER J. H. MORNING - Alternate, Tarboro, N. C.

ELDER G. W. THORPE - Clerk, Tarboro, N. C.

DEA. E. W. BULLOCK - Ass't. Clerk, Washington, N. C.

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Proceedings

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

The Association met in order with Elder W. Cooper presiding. He sang hymn 397 for opening. Prayer by Elder W. M. Weaver. Deacon J. L. Hart arose and gave the people a hearty welcome. Elder J. H. Morning arose and read the eighth chapter of John first verse. Elder Cooper arose and sang a hymn and then Elder W. Cooper arose and spoke a few remarks to the people for encouragement. His text was Rom. 1:3, and he preached the Introductory Sermon. Then Elder J. H. Morning sang hymn 188 and preached the alternate sermon, and then the Moderator arose and dismissed the people for one hour.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association met in order with Elder Warren Cooper presiding. He sang hymn 185 for opening. Prayer by Elder McCarlson Walters.

On motion, Elder Warren Cooper was chosen Moderator of this Association. On motion, Elder J. H. Morning was chosen alternate of this Association. On motion, Elder G. W. Thorpe was chosen Clerk of this Association. On motion, Deacon E. W. Bullock was chosen Assistant Clerk of this Association. On motion, Deacon J. L. Hart offered his resignation as Finance Committee and was accepted. On motion Deacon Harry Bullock and Deacon George Battle and Deacon Charlie Jones be chosen for the Finance Committee for this Association. On motion Elder Warren Cooper, Deacon Jobie Jones, and Deacon Elizah Pate be chosen Committee on preaching from day to day.

On motion Deacon Fred Lucas was sent to the stand to record the ministers' texts from day to day. On motion delegates from sister Associations with whom we correspond be invited to take a seat with us in conference, and feel themselves at home. On motion corresponding delegates now make their report:

Corresponding: By Elder Salmon Shaw stating peace and love and a file of Minutes.

Union Line: By Elder Jethro Dickerson stating peace and

love and file of Minutes.

Contentnea: By Elder Earl Holt stating peace and love and a file of Minutes.

Little River: By Elder Lawrence Bethea stating peace and love and a file of Minutes.

Sandy Ridge: By Elder Richard Martin in peace and a file of Minutes.

Chestnut Knob: By Elder Frank Penn in peace and love and a file of Minutes.

Roanoke: By Elder B. J. Carter in peace and a file of Minutes.

Piedmont: By Elder R. L. Pannell in peace and a file of Minutes.

Bethlehem: By Elder Ruffin Hyman in peace and a file of Minutes.

Loving: By Elder Golden Pollard in peace and a file of Minutes.

Coopers Grove: By Elder W. B. Enoch in peace.

Mt. Zion: By Elder J. L. Wade in peace and a file of Minutes.

Long Branch: By Elder J. W. Dickens in peace and a file of Minutes.

Cub Run: By Elder G. Duncan in peace and a file of Minutes.

Mt. Pleasant: By Elder J. W. Watson in peace and a file of Minutes.

Tar River: By Elder Leslie Blow in peace and a file of Minutes.

On motion all these delegates were received by the Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship. On motion Corresponding letters were called for. On motion petitionary letter were caled for. There were none. On motion church letters were called and were received. On motion we will set the place for the next Radicue Primitive Baptist Association. On motion the next Radicue Association will convene with the Seven Springs Church in Rocky Mount, N. C. On motion Elder Warren Cooper will preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder J. H. Morning to preach the alternate sermon. On motion the Moderator and Clerk prepare the Circular Letter.

On motion if there be no further business conference will now be adjourned until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock. The Moderator arose and sang hymn 505 for closing. Benediction by Elder J. H. Morning.

ELDER WARREN COOPER, Moderator
ELDER J. H. MORNING, Alternate
ELDER G. W. THORPE, Clerk
DEACON E. W. BULLOCK, Ass't. Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION:

The meeting was called to order with Elder W. Cooper presiding. He arose and sang hymn 353 for opening. Prayer by Elder W. M. Weaver. Elder J. H. Morning arose and read part of the eighth chapter of John for instructions, and made some good remarks. On motion the roll of churches was called. They were present. On motion the roll of delegates was called. They were present. Elder E. L. Gray came before us seeking correspondence with us, stating they were in peace and love with a file of Minutes, and was received by the Moderator giving him the right hand of fellowship. On motion we will take up unfinished business. On motion the Finance Committee will take their report. They reported all churches were up. On motion the report of the Finance Committee was received. On motion we appoint messengers to visit sister Associations with whom we corresond:

Corresponding: Elder William Maryland in 1959.
Union Line: Brother McCray in 1960.
Contentnea: Elder William Maryland in 1960.
Little River: Elder Charlie Bullock, 1959.
Sandy Ridge: Elder J. H. Morning in 1959.
Bethlehem: Elder Warren Cooper in 1959.
Roanoke: Elder Willie Carnie in 1960.
Piedmont: Elder J. B. Lucas in 1960.
Chestnut Knob: Elder J. H. Morning in 1960.
Mount Zion: Elder Miles Wooten in 1960.
Loving: Elder G. W. Thorpe in 1960.
Coopers Grove: Elder Jimmie Wooten in 1960.

Long Branch: Elder G. W. Thorpe in 1959.
Cub Run: Elder Salava Worsley in 1960.
Tar River: Elder Henry Cooper in 1959.
Mt. Pleasant: Elder J. B. Lucas in 1959.
Strange Star: Elder J. H. Morning in 1960.

On motion the Association Treasurer make his report. They reported $178.89. On motion the report be received. On motion the Association have 800 copies of the Minutes printed. By the supervision of the Moderator and Clerk. On motion the Finance Committee pay off indebtedness of the Association. With the assistance of the Moderator. On motion the church government, rules of decorum, and abstract of principles be printed in the Minutes. On motion the ordination of Brother J. T. McCray and Brother Tommie Dupree take place at nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

There were many good remarks made by the delegates and messengers. On motion, if there be no other business, conference will close until 1960. Our Moderator, Elder Warren Cooper arose and sang hymn 618. Prayer by Elder A. J. Adams. Benediction by Elder W. M. Weaver.

ELDER WARREN COOPER, Moderator
ELDER J. H. MORNING Alnernate
ELDER G. W. THORPE, Clerk
DEACON E. W. BULLOCK, Ass't. Clerk

Roanoke Association will convene Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1960, at Mount Tatum Church, Whitmell, Va., Route 58 west to 875, west of Danville, Va.

Piedmont Association will convene with the County Seat Church in Rocky Mount, Va., on highway 220 on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1960.

Sandy Ridge Association will convene with the Hylton's Thessalonia Church, highway 8 about seven miles of Stuart, Va., Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1960.

Chestnut Knob Association will convene wih the Flat Rock Church, Martinsville, Va., on road 108 about 8 miles, turn right to church, on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1960.

Mount Zion Association, next session will be with the Regional Mt. Zion Church, Friday before the first Sunday in August. Delegates come to Bluefield, W. Va., take bus to Eckman, W.Va.

Strange Star Association, next session will convene at 3500 Rivial St. Detroit, Mich.

PREACHING SERVICE

FRIDAY EVENING, October 2, 1959.

The Association re-assembled with Elder W. Cooper presiding,. He arose and sang hymn 185. Prayer by Brother Simpson Hart. Elder J. H. Morning arose and read part of John 16. Brother Frank Webb sang hymn 400 and his text was John 14:1. Elder W. B. Enoch arose and used for his text from Jer. 1:4. Elder Joe Willie Dickens text was Prov. 1:4. Closing hymn 118, sung by Elder W. Cooper. Benediction by Elder W. M. Weaver.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 3, 1959.

The meeting was called to order by Elder W. Cooper. He arose and sang hymn 433. Prayer by Brother Hart. Elder J. H. Morning arose and read part of Peter 5 and made some good remarks for introduction. Elder T. E. Claytor sang hymn 284 used text David 2:31. Elder J. J. Adams sang hymn 492 used text Mark 5:28. Elder E. L. Gray used text Psa. 1. Elder W. Cooper arose and sang hymn 691. Benediction by Elder Watson.

SATURDAY NIGHT, October 3, 1959.

The meeting was called to order by Elder W. Cooper presiding. He arose and sang hymn 530. Prayer by Deacon Jobie Jones. Elder Henry Cooper arose and sang hymn 355, text John 1:1. Elder Worsley sang hymn 153, text, Father, here am I—Send me. Elder Frank Penn arose, text John 14. Elder Earl Holt arose and sang hymn 689, text, Rev. 1:18. Elder Ruffin Hymon arose and preached with the Spirit. Elder David Modon sang hymn 211, used text John 1. Our Moderator sang the closing hymn and gave the benediction and dismissed the people.

SUNDAY MORNING, October 4, 1959.

The meeting was called to order by Elder W. Cooper singing hymn 533. Prayer by Brother Rufus Stockton. Elder J. H. Morning arose and read John 17. Elder T. W. Dupree arose and used for a text Eccl. 3. Elder McCray preached with the Spirit. Elder Jethro Dickerson sang hymn 490, text Matthew 2 Elder Lawrence Bethea, text John 15:1. Elder G. Dickson sang hymn 355, text Heb. 13:10. Elder Simon Shaw sang hymn 530, text John 15:1. Elder Leslie Blow sang hymn 18, text Sam. 16:1. Elder P. H. Martin, text Matt. 7:18. Elder B. J. Carter sang hymn 355, preached with the Spirit. Elder R. L. Pannell preached with the Spirit. Closing hymn 505. Benediction was by Elder Levi Hill.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from the churches	$401.10	
Public collection	203.68	
In the old Treasury	178.89	$783.67
Expenses	$633.47	
Total balance in the Treasury	150.20	

CIRCULAR LETTER

This is the Seventy-Ninth Annual Session of the Radicue Primitive Baptist Association, held with the Pilgrim's Rest Church in Wilson, N. C., beginning Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1959. The Lord has brought us safely through dangers seen and unseen.

Dear brethren, let us stand fast in the liberty wherewith the Lord has made us free and not be entangled with the yoke of bondage. Oh how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in peace. It is like the precious ointment upon the head of Aaron that ran down to the skirt of his garment, as the dew descended from the mountain of Zion where the Lord commanded the blessings.

Dear brethren, pray for us that our faith fail not.

Ministers and messengers have come from the east and from the west, who have brought us good news from afar. We desire

to keep up friendly correspondence with all orderly Primitive Baptists. Brethren, pray for us that our faith fail not and that God's righteousness may be spoken of throughout all the world.

ELDER WARREN COOPER, Moderator
ELDER J. H. MORNING, Alternate
ELDER G. W. THORPE, Clerk
DEACON E. W. BULLOCK, Ass't. Clerk

MEMORIAL

Elder Joe Taylor died May 5, 1959.
Sister Sallie Andrew died July, 1959.
Sister Luvenia Loyd died May, 1959.
Elder Julius Bess died November 1958.
Sister Lizie Harris died October 31, 1958.
Sister Mary Weaver died March 11, 1959.
Sister Exglin Staton died November 24, 1958.
Sister Frances Williams died April 27, 1959.
Sister Daisy Dozier, October 20, 1959.
Brother Solomon McNair died February, 1959.
Elder Willie Powell died May 24, 1959.
Sister Lucy Pippin died August 6, 1959.
The memory of these lingers with us.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

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QUARTERLY MEETING DAYS AT CHURCHES

Radicue—First Sunday in March, June, September, December, and Saturday before.
Harpers—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December, and Saturday before.
Savannah—Second Sunday in March, June, September, December, and Saturday before.
Cabin Level—First Sunday in January, April, July, October, and Saturday before.
Pilgrim Rest—Third Sunday in February, May, August, November, and Saturday before.
Plymouth—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August, November, and Saturday before.
Mount Zion—Second Sunday in February, May, August, November, and Saturday before.
Art Willow—Third Sunday in January, April, July, October and Saturday before.
Mount Galilee—First Sunday in February, May, August, Nov., and Saturday before.
Seven Springs—Second Sunday in January, April, July, October and Saturday before.
Glorious Hope—Third Sunday in March, June, September, December, and Saturday before.
Stony Creek—First Sunday in March, June, September, December, and Saturday before.
Jericho—First Sunday in January, April, July, October and the Saturday before.
Spring Green—Third Sunday in January, April, July, October and Saturday before.
Saint John—First Sunday in March, June, September, December and Saturday before.

RULES OF DECORUM OF CHURCH GOVERNMENT

Being dismissed by letter from Otter's Creek, Sparta, Tyson's Meeting House, having spent the day in fasting and prayer, give ourselves to Christ and to one another.

1. That members comprising this church shall assemble themselves together at Radicue Meeting House the first Sunday in every month and the Saturday before unless prevented by unavoidable necessity. Heb. 10:12. "And not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is."

2. The members of the church shall meet in conference on Saturday before the first Sunday in each month. Acts 15:6. "And the Apostles and Elders came together to consider this matter."

3. Conference shall be opened and closed with prayer or praise to Almighty God. 1 Tim. 2:1. "I exhort therefore, that first of all prayer and intercession and giving of thanks be made for all men." 1 Thess. 1:17, 18. "Pray without ceasing, and in everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

4. The pastor of the church shall be Moderator or nominate one who is present, when absent the Conference shall appoint and and after the Conference shall be agreed. On motion visiting brethren from sister churches may be invited to take seats with us. Psa. 133:1. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preserve order and harmony in the Conference according to these rules or others which may be subsequently adopted. He shall fairly state every question, ascertain the majority and report accordingly. 1 Cor. 16:10. "Let everything be done decently and in order."

6. The Conference shall appoint a Clerk, whose duty it shall be to record faithfully in a well bound book (purchased by the conference) all of their proceedings and to do and perform all other such things as usually devolve upon such officers.

7. The members' names shall be enrolled distinctly, called over and a significant mark attached to their names which may be absent. Acts. 1:15. When any member shall be absent three conferences, it shall be the duty of the Clerk to give notice thereof to the church, who thereupon shall order notice to be issued to the delinquent to be served by one of the deacons and upon which the Conference may take such measure as to them may appear consonant with brotherly love and gospel order. Heb. 10:25. "Not forsake the assembling together."

8. A door shall be opened for admission of new members who before admission shall verbally relate their experience and when unanimous satisfaction is offered the church in Conference, that God has wrought a work of grace in their souls, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to give them the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the church. And said candidate, shall after being baptised by immersion, become a member of the church, and not before. Peter 3:15. "Be ready always to give an answer to ever man that asks you the reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." Matt. 28:19. "Baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

9. If any member of this church shall bring a complaint of a private trespass having been committed upon him by one of his brethren, before he shall have complied with requisition of the great Head of the church, prescribed in the 18th chapter of Matthew, the church shall disregard it and shall be deemed disorderly. "Whereof if thy brothers trespass against thee." etc.

10. It shall be deemed disorder to any members of the church who shall speak illiberally of one of his brethren or otherwise than is laid down in the word before the recited chapter, 18th of Matthew. "And who may join the world caluminating or traducing their characters." Rom. 1:39. "Let love be without dissimulation." Gal. 6:12. " Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself lest thou also be tempted." "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.'"

11. All public offenses against morality shall be noted by the church publicly and the offenders dealt with according to gospel order. Matt. 5:16: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

12. Every motion made and seconded, shall be taken under consideration of the Conference, unless withdrawn by the mover and making it open for discussion or debate, but one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator by the appellation of Brother Moderator, and when two or more shall rise at the same time, he shall decide without argument before them. 1 Cor. 14:40: "Let everything be done decently and in order."

13. Every query presented shall be thrice read before it is open for debate and it shall not be received unless a majority of those present concur in its reception and its decision a majority shall govern.

14. In all cases, except in the admission of members into the church a majority of those present shall govern whose decisions shall be final, except two-thirds of the members at the next Conference agree to consider the matter and two-thirds shall so agree the subject matter shall again come before the Conference and this decision shall be final.

15. Implicit obedience shall be yielded to the decision of the Conference, but every member that is dissatisfied with the proceedings of the Conference shall express themselves before adjourning of the Conference and not thereafter. Rom. 13:1. "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers."

16. The minutes of the Conference shall be read before it adjourns and all errors corrected.

17. The following are prohibited: Whispering or laughing during time of public speaking, with the appearance of wrath, or in a degrading manner, speaking more than three times without leave.

18. It shall be deemed disorderly in any member who openly and avowedly denies the fundamental doctrine contained in the church covenant and they shall be dealt with accordingly. Jude 1:3: "Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." "Be of one mind, how can two walk together except they be agreed."

19. As intemperance is one of the worst evils which can affect the members of any society, either civil or religious, and more especially the latter in direct violation of the word of God, wounding the cause of Jesus generally, as to get drunk and become known to the church, he shall be notified to attend our church Conference, and on failing to render entire satisfaction, to be considered as an excommunicant and not entitled to any privilege thereafter until such offender shall bring forth fruit meet for repentance. Matt. 5:16. "Let your light so shine before men," etc. The following amendment to the above article was adopted in Conference and read thus:—"And we further agree and declare to be the duty of every member of this church,

that when he knows of a member of this church getting drunk as above stated in this article to make it known to the church."

20. If upon issuing a notice to any delinquent member as is required by the 7th Article of the Decorum, the Deacon return "Not to be found within the limits of the church," that the Conference shall then proceed as if the notice had been served.

21. A majority of the members of this church in Conference shall have power to alter or to amend any of the rules of this Decorum, which they have adopted for their government or to add any new rules which said majority may deem necessary.

Motion made and seconded and agreed that no church shall hold any member who will not pay an honest debt.

Motion made and seconded that we will not have nor hold members with us belonging to secret societies, Odd Fellows, or Masons.

Moved and seconded that we will not establish a church within five miles of any church in the Radicue Association, nor any with which we correspond.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in one Superior Eternal God, the creator and upholder of all beings and the disposer of all events, for there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one. John 2:5.

4. We believe in the total depravity and just condemnation of all the fallen race of Adam.

5. We believe in original sin and that the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted, regenerated, sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

6. We believe that the saints shall always persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

7. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saint's feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers in Jesus Christ are the only subjects entitled to these privileges.

8. We believe the mode of baptism is by immersing in water.

9. We believe that God chose His people in Christ Jesus before the world began.

10. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of ordinances only such as are regularly baptised, called and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

11. We believe that none but regularly baptised members have the right to commune at the Lord's Table.

STATISTICAL TABLE

COUNTIES	CHURCHES AND PASTORS	ADDRESS	MESSENGERS	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec. by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contribution
Edgecombe	RADICUE Z. W. Spell	1204 Green St. Greenville, N. C.	A. Wooten, J. Howard	1			1				6	
Edgecombe	HARPER		J. Jones, W. Staton	4	1					3	74	$75.00
Edgecombe	LITTLE SAVANNAH J. H. Morning	Hobgood, N. C.	G. R. Dickens, R. Shaw	2						5	55	67.00
Wilson	CABIN LEVEL Timmie Wooten	Fountain, N. C.	E. Pate, Mac Vines	1								
Wilson	PILGRIM REST J. H. Morning	Hobgood, N. C.	E. Pate, Baines	3	2						15	17.00
Edgecombe	MT. ZION Warren Cooper	Tarboro, N. C.	A. Wooten, J. Howard	2	2					1	40	58.00
Beaufort	PLYMOUTH J. H. Morning	Hobgood, N. C.	A. Wooten	4						1	3	6.00
Edgecombe	ART WILLOW Warren Cooper	Tarboro, N. C.		3							24	39.50
Edgecombe	MT. GALILEE W. Carney	Hobgood, N. C.	A. Wooten, Mac Vines H. Bullock, H. Barnes	1						1	20	
Edgecombe	SEVEN SPRINGS Dorsey Battle	Rocky Mt. N. C.	Joe Battle, J. Hart	2	1					1	26	31.50
Edgecombe	GLORIOUS HOPE Willie Bullock	313 Dale Hampton, Va.	G. Battle, W. Staton	3						1	18	17.00
Edgecombe	STONY CREEK Dorsey Battle	Rocky Mt. N. C.	J. L. Hart, J. Battle	1	1					1	15	23.00
Washington	JERICHO Warren Cooper	Tarboro, N. C.	E. Bullock, Elder Cooper	1							6	9.50
Nash	SPRING GREEN J. B. Lucas	Rocky Mt. N. C.	Fred Lucas, C. Jones	3							9	15.50
Washington, D. C	ST. JOHN M. Walton	Washington, D. C.	E. Staton	1	3	3		1		1	17	25.50

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